



## Nora Fatehi undergoes rigorous physical training

Actress Nora Fatehi underwent rigorous physical training for her film with actor-martial artist Vidyut Jammwal in 'Crakk - Jeethegaa Toh Jiyegeaa'.

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## Travis recovers, returns to nets

Australia's Travis Head returned to nets on Sunday having recovered from a fracture on his left-hand, and the middle-order batter is expected to travel to India on Thursday to join his country's World Cup squad.

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## WINDOWS



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during a ceremony for the unveiling of a bust of Rabindranath Tagore at the International Friendship Park, in Bac Ninh province, Vietnam on Sunday

## Jaishankar unveils Tagore's bust in Vietnam

HANOI: India and Vietnam share profound historical connections dating back almost 2,000 years which are rooted in Buddhism, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday as he inaugurated a bust of Nobel Laureate writer-poet Rabindranath Tagore in Bac Ninh city. Jaishankar extended his gratitude to the leadership of Bac Ninh province, which lies to the east of Hanoi, for their support for installing Tagore's bust.

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## 12 killed as mini-bus hits truck in Maha

CHHATRAPATI SAMBAHJINAGAR: At least 12 people were killed and 23 others injured when a speeding mini-bus hit a container truck on Samruddhi Expressway in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district in the early hours of Sunday, police said. As many as 35 passengers were travelling by the private bus. They were returning to Nashik after visiting the Sailani Baba dargah in Buldhana district, an official said. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

**IRREGULAR by MANJUL**

For me, the World Cup ended the day India defeated Pakistan. We won the Cup

# Gaza 'safe corridor' deadline ends

## Troops await green light for ground offensive

JERUSALEM

THE three-hour deadline set by the Israeli military for a safe corridor in northern Gaza to allow residents to go to the "safer" southern part of the seaside territory ended at 3.30 pm on Sunday. The Israeli forces are now waiting for the political leadership to take a call on the all-out ground offensive, though the forces have been conducting localised raids on Gaza strip.

In a post on X, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) earlier said that they will not launch any operation on this corridor from 10 am to 1 pm. "Residents of Gaza City and northern Gaza, in the past days, we've urged you to relocate to the southern area for your safety."

We want to inform you that the IDF will not carry out any operations along this route from 10 pm to 1 pm," the Israeli military said. "During this window, please take the opportunity to move southward from northern Gaza," it said.

The IDF said the safety



of Gaza residents and that of their families matters. "Please follow our instructions and head southward. Be assured, Hamas leaders have already ensured their safety and that of their families," it said.

Earlier in the day, the Israeli military has released photos that claim to show the Hamas group stopping people from going to southern Gaza. The Hamas group has been accused of using human shields.

Hamas is deliberately keeping hostages in places where it knows Israel would carry out bombings, the country's former national security adviser told NDTV yesterday. The comment by Eyal Hulata was in response to a statement by Hamas that nine more Israeli hostages have been killed in Gaza in Israeli airstrikes.

Israeli forces have been readying for a looming Gaza ground invasion aimed at destroying Hamas, the

Palestinian group that unleashed the bloodiest attack in the country's history.

In the eight days since Hamas gunmen killed more than 1,300 Israelis in a terror attack, Israel has responded with a devastating bombing campaign that has claimed over 2,300 lives in Gaza.

Entire Gaza city blocks lie in ruins and hospitals are overflowing with thousands of wounded in the besieged territory, but there were fears of worse to come.

## QUAKE JOLTS DELHI-NCR

NEW DELHI: An earthquake of magnitude 3.1 on the Richter Scale struck the national capital on Sunday afternoon. According to the National Center for Seismology (NCS), the epicentre for the quake was 9 km east of neighbouring Faridabad in Haryana and 30 km southeast of Delhi at 4.08 pm. As per the nodal agency which monitors earthquakes, the exact location of the quake was at latitude 28.4 degrees and longitude 77.41 degrees. The quake triggered panic among people, with many in Delhi and the National Capital Region reporting vigorous shaking of furniture.

## Powerful quake strikes Af again

ISLAMABAD: A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same province.

The US Geological Survey said the latest quake's epicentre was about 34 kilometres (21 miles) outside Herat, the provincial capital, and eight kilometers (five miles) below the surface. Save the Children said four people have died and that Herat Regional Hospital has received 153 injured. Everything in the Baloch area of Rabat Sangi district has collapsed. Several villages have been destroyed, according to the aid group.



## Cong releases first list for MP, Chhattisgarh

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NEW DELHI

THE Congress party on Sunday released the first list of candidates for Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana Assembly elections, all scheduled for November.

The party announced candidates on 144 assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh, 30 in Chhattisgarh and 55 in Telangana.

In Madhya Pradesh, former CM Kamal Nath has been fielded for the Chhindwara seat. Meanwhile, former CM Digvijay Singh's brother Lakshman Singh has been fielded from Chachoura. He was elected as a Congress MLA from the Raghogarh Assembly constituency in 1993, which Digvijaya had previously held. Besides, the former CM's son Jaivardhan Singh has been fielded from the Raghogarh seat.

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## Congress bets on experience in TS

PATAN AFZAL BABU  
HYDERABAD

THE Congress, which has been on cloud nine after its spectacular win in Karnataka, is now making all-out efforts to make a comeback in Telangana by unseating the ruling Bharat Rashtia Samiti (BRS).

After a detailed exercise, the grand old party on Sunday released the first list of 55 candidates.

As per the list, the Congress has fielded Tumkunta Narasa Reddy against BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao in Gajwel and is now searching for a candidate who can fight KCR in Kamareddy.

The Congress has accommodated three of those who had joined the party recently and rewarded almost all the old timers whom it considers to be the winning horses.

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## FRUITS OF SUCCESS OF CHANDRAYAAN-3

# US wants India to share space tech: ISRO chief

RAMESHWARAM

ISRO chairman S Somanath on Sunday said that experts involved in developing complex rocket missions in the US, after witnessing the developmental activities of Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft, suggested that India share space technology with them.

Times have changed and India is capable of building the best of devices and rockets and that is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi has opened the space sector to private players, the ISRO chief said at an event here.

Somanath was addressing students at an event organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's Foundation, commemorating the 92nd birth anniversary of the late former President today. "Our country is a very powerful nation. You understand that? Our knowledge and intelligence level in the country is one of the best in the world," the ISRO Chief said, explain-



ing, "In Chandrayaan-3, when we designed and developed the spacecraft, we invited experts from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA-JPL, who does all the rockets and most difficult mission."

He continued, "About 5-6 people from NASA-JPL came to ISRO headquarters and we explained to them about Chandrayaan-3. That was before the soft landing took place on August 23. We explained how we designed it and how our engineers made it...and how we are going to land on the Moon's surface, and they just said, 'no comments. everything is going to be good.'"

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## Radiation detection tools at 8 ports near borders

ACHINTA BORAH

NEW DELHI: Radiation Detection Equipment (RDE) will soon be installed at eight land crossing points along India's borders with Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal to check the trafficking of radioactive materials for its possible use in making nuclear devices, officials said.

The RDE will be installed at the Integrated Check Posts and land ports of Attari (Pakistan border), Petrapole, Agartala, Dawki and Sutarkandi (all on the Bangladesh border), Raxaul and Jogbani (Nepal) and Moreh (Myanmar). Work order for supply, installation and maintenance of Radiation Detection Equipment at eight operational ICs has been awarded by the government through an agreement executed last year and the vendor will supply and complete the installation process shortly, an official privy to the development said. The central government has taken the initiative to install the RDE so that the trafficking of radioactive materials across international borders can be checked.

## IAF likely to hold airshow in Arunachal

GUWAHATI

THE Indian Air Force (IAF) may conduct an airshow in Arunachal Pradesh, the first-ever such display of the force's air power in the strategically crucial state bordering China, Air Marshal S P Dharkar said on Sunday. The AOC-in-C of the Eastern Air Command told reporters that it's challenging to hold an airshow in a hilly terrain like that of Arunachal Pradesh,

but it is still an "interesting" idea for the force to have such a display there. Dharkar was responding to a query if the IAF will ever conduct an airshow in Arunachal Pradesh to display its prowess to the common people. "It's an interesting proposition, I am sure we will look at it," he added. Dharkar said, "Maybe you will cover the next air show that we will be doing in the near future in some locations in Arunachal Pradesh."

He said holding an airshow in plain areas like Guwahati is easier than conducting one in the hilly terrains of Arunachal Pradesh. "The terrain itself prevents people at large from watching the air show well," the Air Marshal said. The Indian Air Force on Sunday organised an air display at Borjhar station on the outskirts of Guwahati, involving various choppers and fighter aircraft like Sukhoi-30 and Rafale.



# Recording phone conversation without consent violates right to privacy: HC

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
RAIPUR

THE Chhattisgarh High Court has held that recording phone conversations with persons without their knowledge and consent violates their right to privacy as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey made the observation while setting aside a family court's decision to allow a man to present phone conversations with his wife as part of evidence in a maintenance case.

The High Court observed that when a husband records a wife's conversations without her consent or

knowledge, it would amount to a breach of her rights to privacy.

"It appears that the respondent has recorded the conversation of the petitioner (wife) without her knowledge behind her back which amounts to violation of her right to privacy and also the right of the petitioner guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the order stated.

By way of background, the wife had filed a plea for maintenance before a family court. During these proceedings, the husband submitted an application under Section 311 (power to summon material witness or examine person present) of the Code



of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to produce certain mobile phone conversations with his wife that he had recorded. The husband sought to cross-examine his

wife on these conversations by getting them admitted as evidence in the family court.

The family court allowed the husband's application. Aggrieved by the family

court order, the wife moved a plea in the High Court seeking to overturn the same.

The wife's counsel contended before the High

Court that admitting the phone conversations would amount to a breach of her right to privacy.

The lawyer further argued that the husband had recorded these phone conversations without the wife's knowledge. Therefore, these conversations were not admissible as evidence against the wife, it was asserted.

The husband's counsel countered that he wished to present specific evidence to support his allegations against the wife. It was argued that the husband has a right to confront the wife with such evidence.

The court, however, was not convinced by the husband's stance in the matter.

"The Right of Privacy is an essential component of right to life envisaged by Article 21 of the Constitution, therefore, in the opinion of this Court, the learned Family Court has committed an error of law in allowing the application under Section 311 of the CrPC along with the certificate issued under Section 65 of the Indian Evidence Act. Accordingly, the order passed by the learned Family Court on 21.10.2021 in Case No. F118/2019 is hereby set-aside," the court held.

The court also relied on number of judgments on related issues including the Supreme Court judgment in PUCI v Union of India

(the phone tapping case) wherein it was held that, "Telephone conversation is an important facet of a man's private life. Right to privacy would certainly include telephone-conversation in the privacy of one's home or office. Telephone-tapping would, thus, infract Article 21 of the Constitution of India unless it is permitted under the procedure established by law."

The High Court proceeded to set aside the family court order under challenge and allowed the wife's petition.

Advocate Vaibhav A Goverdhan represented the petitioner-wife. Advocate TK Jha represented the





More than 1,500 sanitary workers will be working tirelessly round the clock in shifts to ensure cleanliness and hygiene during Dasara festivities

- VMC Commissioner  
Swapnil Dinkar Pundkar

# City Hans



Indian Medical Association president MA Rahman inaugurating the CME programme at Kamineni Hospital in Vijayawada on Sunday

## CME on recent advances in Neurology organised

Y BRAHMAJI  
VIJAYAWADA

CONTINUING Medical Education (CME) programme on the recent advances in Neurology was organised by Kamineni Hospitals, Vijayawada in collaboration with Indian Medical Association, on Sunday at the hospital. The programme has covered a wide range of topics, including TB meningitis, CNS demyelination, recent developments in the treatment of

Alzheimer's disease, newer therapeutics for the treatment of migraine, and the role of genetics in neurological illnesses. Speaking on the occasion, IMA Vijayawada president MA Rahman said, "This CME on recent advances in neurology has brought together healthcare professionals to learn, share, and grow. The cooperation between Kamineni Hospitals, IMA and APMC (AP Medical Council) has facilitated an environment of constant improvement in

the medical field."

Speaking on the occasion, Dr V Naveen Kumar of Department of Neurology said that their aim was to give medical professionals the greatest learning methods for studying cutting-edge medical procedures and how to update and improve their expertise of treating neurological disorders. The event's success is evidence of the value of collaboration and ongoing learning in the healthcare industry, he added.

## Naidu's weight increased by 1 kg, says Ambati

VL SYAMSUNDAR  
GUNTUR

MINISTER for Water Resources Ambati Rambabu assured that the government will release water to save the standing crops in Krishna delta ayacut as per water availability.

Addressing the media at his residence in Guntur city on Sunday, he said at present the Irrigation department is drawing water from Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme and Pulichintala Project and releasing water to save standing crops. He said some farmers are illegally drawing water from Lift Irrigation Schemes used for cultivating the crops and added that though illegal,

the government is not taking any action, because it is the responsibility of the government to supply water to save the crops. He made it clear that the government will take all the steps to release water to save standing crops and they were least bothered about TDP leaders' protests. He said due to deficit rainfall water level in the reservoir had fallen.

Referring to the TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu's health condition, Minister Rambabu said the latter's weight increased by one kg in 35 days according to Rajahmundry Central Jail officials. He recalled that Chandrababu's family members were supplying food to him.



Minister for Water Resources Ambati Rambabu addressing the media in Guntur on Sunday

## Freshers' party 'ALOHA' concludes at SRM-AP

MV SYAM SUNDAR  
NEERUKONDA (GUNTUR DISTRICT)

SRM University-AP concluded its Freshers' party of the year, ALOHA-2023, with extravagance. The two-day freshers' event was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof Manoj K Arora on Friday (October 13), in the presence of Director of Student Affairs Anil Kumar Nigam, Assistant Director of Student Affairs Revathi Balakrishnan, visiting professor-Paari School of Business Prof Prabal K Sen and president and vice-president of the Student Council.

"The word 'Aloha' embodies compassion and kindness. We welcome you to your second home, SRM University-AP where we will nurture you to be holistic individuals throughout your academic journey," stated Prof Arora in his inaugural address.

The Director of Student Affairs welcomed the freshers into the academic and social community of the university. "SRM University-AP is a place for creating friendships, exploring your potential and being the best version of yourself!" Nigam addressed the freshers.

ALOHA featured a Mr and Ms Freshers' contest that witnessed a spectacular display of talent by the SRM University students. Dhruv Narayan Bajaj and Vaishnavi Kasturi were crowned as the Mr and Ms Freshers of 2023, respectively.

Various creative club activities and competitions from photography to dance and music, to anime quiz and cubing, and traditional games such as tug-of-war and Dahi Handi are some of the innumerable activities conducted as part of the freshers' programme. The event concluded with an exclusive DJ party featuring Project 91, Prithvi Sai and international artist DJ Pozitiva.



Dhruv Narayan Bajaj and Vaishnavi Kasturi of SRM University crowned as Mr and Ms Freshers of 2023 respectively at the varsity campus in Neerukonda on Sunday



MLA Malladi Vishnu and Soft Tennis Federation of India president and Gujarat MLA Mahesh Kaswala with the players at IGMCI stadium in Vijayawada on Sunday

## 18<sup>th</sup> Junior National Soft Tennis Championship inaugurated

Soft Tennis Federation of India would work to introduce the sport in Olympics, says its president and Gujarat MLA Kaswala

Y BRAHMAJI  
VIJAYAWADA

ANDHRA Pradesh Planning Commission Vice-Chairman and Vijayawada Central MLA Malladi Vishnu inaugurated 18th Junior National Soft Tennis Championship for boys and girls at Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation (IGMC) Stadium in Vijayawada on Sunday.

Soft Tennis Federation of India president and Gujarat MLA Mahesh Kaswala played a match with Vishnu to mark the start of the tournament. As many as 23 State teams are participating in the five-day championship.

As part of the tournament, Andhra Pradesh's player Bhavana took an oath along with other State team captains. During the event, Anusha, who represented the Indian Women's team in the Asian Games in China, was felicitated by MLAs Malladi Vishnu and Mahesh Kaswala.

Speaking at the event, Soft Tennis Federation of India president and Gujarat MLA Kaswala said that the Soft Tennis Federation of India would work to introduce the sport in Olympics. For this purpose, the federation is taking steps to talk with the International Olympic Council soon. He congratulated the Indian contingent for winning over 100 medals

in the recently concluded 19th Asian Games in China. The Indian Soft Tennis teams performed well in the tournament, and Anusha, who represented the Indian Women's team, excelled in the quarter finals and secured fifth position.

Kaswala stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is considering holding Olympics in 2034 in India and he has initiated talks with the Indian Olympic Association representatives in this regard. He requested all State governments and local bodies to support outstanding players and encourage sports and games locally. He added that sports infrastructure needs to be provided in all States.

MLA Malladi Vishnu said that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is supportive of sports and games and encouraging international medal winners by offering government jobs and cash incentives.

Soft Tennis Federation of India Treasurer Vijay Solanki, Executive Director NG Vegda, former president Makwana, NTR District Sports Authority (DSA) Chief Coach SA Azeez, Andhra Pradesh Soft Tennis Association Chairman Daram Naveen Kumar and General Secretary D Dilip Kumar and others participated in the event.

## PD Act invoked against 4 offenders

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM: East Godavari district Superintendent of Police P Jagadeesh said that 374 people, who were violating the law and order, were bound over and orders were issued against four persons under the PD Act. He warned that strict action would be taken against rowdies, robbers, rioters, regular offenders and blade batches. A stern warning was issued to those, who make settlements and participate in illegal activities. The SP also issued warning that stubborn action

would be taken against old criminals with the Preventive Detention Act. After taking charge as SP, Jagadeesh thoroughly studied the situation here and prepared a report on four rowdy/blade batch criminals and sent it to the Collector. District Collector K Madhavi Latha issued an order enforcing PD Act against them. Tupakula Ali Baba alias Ali, Tekumudi Durga Prasad alias Lari, Vasamsetti Durga Prasad alias Doola Pandu and Singampally Karthikeya alias Simba alias Sonu are among them.

TDP leaders and activists staging a protest in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday

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TDP stages 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' protest

DEEKSHITULA  
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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

TDP organised 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' protest at Azad Chowk, Zampet here on Sunday, condemning the arrest of the party national president Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Hundreds of party activists tied ropes and ribbons to their hands and protested against the behaviour of the State government. Party leaders Adireddy Srinivas, Adireddy Apparao, Reddy Mani, Kasi Naveen Kumar, M Vijayalakshmi, K Chandipriya, and others participated.

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# Unprecedented rush of devotees at Durga temple



Goddess Kanaka Durga will give darshan in Gayatri Devi avataram on Monday

Y BRAHMAJI  
VIJAYAWADA

THE auspicious Dasara celebrations got off to a good start at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Sunday.

On the first of the festivities, Goddess Sri Kanaka Durga appeared in Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Alankaram. Bala Tripura is the first Goddess in the Tripura traya and the main goddess of all in Sri Yantra.

The 9-day celebrations have begun with temple priests performing traditional rituals such as Suprabatha Seva, Sanapanabhishekam, Balabhoga Nivedana and Nitya Archana between 3 am and 8.30 am. After the completion of all rituals, devotees were allowed to have Goddess Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi darshan from 9 am.

Governor Abdul Nazeer along with his spouse offered puja marking the beginning of the celebrations. He was given

- Record number of pilgrims visit Durga Temple on the first day of Dasara
- Devotees complain that staff dragged them away without giving time to have Goddess Kanaka Durga darshan even for a second

a warm welcome by temple priests and authorities and was provided with the Goddess darshan.

District Collector S Dilli Rao, Joint Collector Dr P

## QUEUE LINES JAMPACKED

FOR the first time in Dasara fete history, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam witnessed a huge influx of devotees starting from early morning at 5 am to evening on Sunday. All the queue lines were



Commissioner of Police Kanthi Rana Tata, Durga temple Trust Board chairman Karnati Rambabu, Executive Officer KS Rama Rao and committee members carrying Goddess Kanaka Durga Utsava idol atop Indrakeeladri on Sunday



Devotees waiting in queue lines at Sri Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada on Sunday

Sampath Kumar, Sub-Collector Adithi Singh, Temple Trust Board Chairman Karnati Rambabu, EO KS Ramarao, MLA V Srinivasa Rao

and others accompanied the Governor. Meanwhile, AP BJP president Purandeswari, State Tourism Minister RK Roja, MLA Malladi Vishnu,

former Minister and TDP leader Devineni Umamaheswara Rao and others visited the temple and had Goddess Darshan.

Ubaya Dathalu, devotees had to wait for more than four hours in queue lines to Goddess darshan.

Devotees expressed dissatisfaction as they were pulled out from the queue line, without giving them a chance to see the God not even for a minute. said the police and authorities

concerned, who were deployed on duty at Sanctum Sanctorum of the temple had pulled them out.

One of the devotees complained that after waiting for four hours in the queue line, he couldn't see the Goddess even for on second as he was dragged by the staff.



Vijayawada Municipal Corporation sanitation workers seen cleaning the premises at Seethammavari Padalu in Vijayawada on Sunday

## Dasara celebrations

## VMC gearing up for big Dasara fete

- 27 free drinking water supply centres set up near the temple
- 120 toilets for devotees and addition 50 for the police personnel in bandobast duty

Y BRAHMAJI  
VIJAYAWADA

VIJAYAWADA Municipal Corporation Commissioner Swapnil Dinkar Pundkar issued important instructions for the arrangements during Dasara festival to ensure safety and convenience of devotees and visitors. At the behest of his orders, the Engineering department has

taken several steps to make this festival a memorable experience for all.

The Commissioner said to cater to the needs of large crowds, the Engineering department has established 27 locations of free drinking water supply. These locations will span from the base of the hill to the golden points where the highest congregation is anticipated. Additionally, 120 toilets have been set up for devotees and another 50 toilets have been allocated for police personnel stationed in the accommodation centres, who come for Dasara Bandobast.

The Estate section has arranged six cloakrooms at different locations, which

are provided for free. In total, more than 1,500 sanitary workers will be working tirelessly round the clock in shifts to ensure cleanliness and hygiene, he informed. He further said that key officials will be monitoring different segments of the festival as per the schedule. All the VIPs are allotted with seven cars by Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and a command control room will be operational 24/7 to address any emergent needs, he stated.

These preparations reflect the dedication of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation to ensure a safe and enjoyable Dasara festival for all participants, civic chief Swapnil added.

## Gold worth ₹80 lakh seized from flight passengers

MD AMEEN  
VIJAYAWADA

THE Customs officials seized gold ornaments, weighing 1.4 kg, from two women passengers at Gannavaram airport on Saturday night.

According to Customs (Preventive) Commissioner Sadhu Narasimha Reddy, two women passengers, wearing gold ornaments, worth Rs 80

lakh, arrived at Gannavaram airport in a flight from Sharjah, UAE. The officials during verification noticed that the gold is 24 carats and was made abroad. The two women belong to Mangalore region of Karnataka and they went to UAE from Goa and from there, they came to Gannavaram airport. According to customs department rules, the passengers



Gold ornaments seized from two women passengers at Gannavaram airport on Saturday night

have to inform the department if they wear foreign-made ornaments during travelling. Customs Assistant Commissioner Donepudi Madhubabu said the officials are investigating the case.

## Bank pensioners to get 100% DA neutralisation

### 'Get together to know better health care' held in which noted doctors explained health issues

MV SYAM SUNDAR  
VIJAYAWADA

THE Association of Retired IOB's Employees (ARISE) of Vijayawada Region organised a 'Get together to know better health care', followed by Members' Meet at Maheswari College for Competitive Exams here on Sunday.

Indian Overseas Bank former general manager R Sankara Rao was the chief guest. He congratulated the apex organisation All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation (AIBPARC) for its untiring efforts in achieving 100 per cent DA neutralisation for Pre-November 2002 retired bank employees. He extended his greetings to ARISE leadership at Chennai for their continuous efforts to achieve the pending demands of Bank pensioners and wished the same would come true shortly.

Noted orthopaedic surgeon Dr U Bhargava Ram spoke on the procedure to provide joint replacement

with world class facilities in Trust Hospitals here. Dr Kakarla Viswa Charan, general physician and head of Be-Leaf Hospitals spoke on general health care and precautions to be taken by senior citizens. He emphasised the necessity of having adequate health insurance policy.

ARISE assistant general secretary K Venkateswara Rao expressed anguish over abnormal increase in annual premium by National Insurance Company.

All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation (AIBPARC) deputy general secretary KBG Tilak thanked Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for her sympathetic attitude in resolving the long pending demand of AIBPARC of 100 per cent DA neutralisation to Pre-November 2002 bank pensioners. Tilak informed that this benefit will be implemented from October 2023 pension onwards and around 1.80 lakh bank pensioners and family pensioners of PSBs including SBI will get this

benefit.

Tilak also informed that implementation of pension update under Regulation 35 (1) of Bank Employees Pension Regulations, 1995 with retrospective effect from March 1, 2019 as done in the case of Reserve Bank of India pensioners without involving arrears for previous wage revisions, negotiation status to bank retirees' organisations, pension option to resignees, who completed pensionable service (20 years), special allowance introduced in 10th Bipartite Settlement to be reckoned for terminal benefits are the main demands of AIBPARC among others.

IOB retirees aged 70 years and above were felicitated. They are C Krishna Murthy, Dr Pilli Sudhakar, Maganti Basavaiah, SS Apparao, VVLN Sastry, Battula Nagamalleswara Rao, and Abdul Bari. In all, 50 members from Vijayawada, Machilipatnam, Eluru, Bhimavaram and Chennai attended. Edara Vidyasagar proposed a vote of thanks.



Indian Overseas Bank former general manager R Sankara Rao being felicitated by Team ARISE members K Venkateswara Rao, Dr Pilli Sudhakar, KBG Tilak, Petardas at ARISE meeting in Vijayawada on Sunday

## 6,000-YR-OLD PREHISTORIC ROCK ART FOUND IN PALNADU DIST

Archaeologist Dr E Sivanagireddy informs that he noticed a few megalithic burials called cairn circles dating to around 1000 BCE in agricultural fields of Koppunuru village



Rock Art dated back to 4000 BCE

MD AMEEN  
VIJAYAWADA

BEAUTIFUL rock bruising of a stag and a man datable to the Neolithic period were found at Gundala -Veerlavagu valley located on the outskirts of Koppunuru village in Macherla mandal of Palnadu district.

Dr E Sivanagireddy, archaeologist and CEO, Pleach India Foundation, found them here on Sunday.

Dr Reddy, in a press release, said it was a chance discovery while he was conducting a survey under heritage awareness campaign called 'Preserve Heritage for Posterity' in and around Koppunur-Gundala where there are ruins of a Vaishnavite temple on the right side of Veerula vagu datable

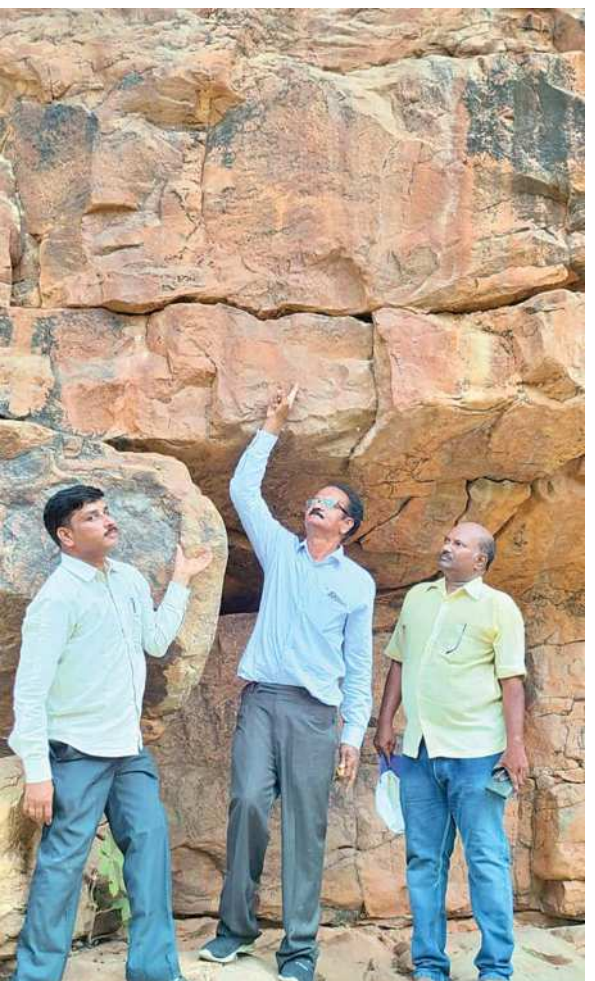
to Kakatiya period (13th century CE). After documenting the temple ruins, on his way back, Dr Sivanagireddy accompanied by a local youth M Durgempudi Yuganadhar Reddy and Macherla-based historian Pavuluri Satish continued the exploration in Veerula vagu, deep and narrow gorge with a good number of prehistoric rock shelters present there.

To his surprise, at a distance of one km from the ruins of the temple towards Koppunuru village, a rock bruising of a stag measuring 20 cm in length and 15 cm in height was delineated on the cliff of rock shelter at a height of 10 metres was spotted by the team. The rock art is dated back to 4000 BCE.

Dr Reddy said that there was another bruising of a hu-

man figure on the top of it. Both the figures were executed in stick type in the form of the stag and human figures, by hitting continuously with the stone tools and implements by the Neolithic folk during their stay in the seasonable camps. Sivanagireddy also noticed hand prints executed with white pigment belonging to the iron age, a little away from the find spot of the stag.

Interestingly he could notice a few megalithic burials called cairn circles dating to around 1000 BCE in the agricultural fields. Further investigations conducted by the team in the fields of Koppunuru, remains of bricks (59 x29x7 cm) and pot sherds called redware of the Satavahana times (1st century CE) are also found.



Dr Sivanagireddy with his team near Koppunuru village of Macherla mandal in Palnadu district

Dr Sivanagireddy sensitised the local farmers on the archaeological and historical significance of the remains range in date between the prehistoric to the Satavahana times and appealed

to preserve them for posterity. Dr Shyamasunder Rao, Designs-in-charge and Ramesh, an amateur archaeologist from Macherla participated in the exploration, said Dr Reddy.



# Kuchipudi dance Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam remembered



Minister RK Roja garlanding the statue of Kuchipudi dance Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam in Movva on Sunday

MD AMEEN  
VIJAYAWADA

KUCHIPUDI dance Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam has made relentless efforts to popularise Kuchipudi dance, said Minister for Tourism and Culture RK Roja.

Krishna district in-charge Minister Roja visited Sri Siddhendra Yogi auditorium in Movva mandal of Krishna district and participated in the birth anniversary celebrations of Kuchipudi Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam and other programmes organised

in the village on Sunday. State department of culture and language, district administration, Save Kuchipudi artists organisation, Kuchipudi academy, Chennai, Potti Sriramulu Telugu academy and Jayawa Bharatiyam organisations jointly organised the birth anniversary celebrations of China Satyam, who was Padma Bhushan awardee. As part of the celebrations, 1,000 child artists performed Kuchipudi dance.

Minister Roja paid tributes to China Satyam and stressed the need to protect

Indian culture and traditions. She explained to the audience the achievements and life of the dancer. She said film actors like Vijayanthimala, Hemamalini, Jayalalitha, Chandrakala and many others learned Kuchipudi dance from China Satyam. She urged the villagers to teach Kuchipudi to their daughters.

Housing Minister Jogi Ramesh praised the contribution of China Satyam to popularise Kuchipudi around the world. He said the birth anniversary was



Young Kuchipudi artists performing dance item in Movva on Sunday

earlier celebrated in Chennai but this year celebrated in Movva village due to the efforts of Tourism Minister RK Roja.

Pamarru MLA K Anil Kumar requested Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to take measures for the development of Siddhendra Yogi College in Movva. He also requested the CM to arrange campuses of the two Telugu universities at Movva.

Minister Roja presented Rs 2 lakh cash award to noted dancer and Sangeeta Nataka Academy award win-

ner Manju Bhargavi. The Minister also released a book written on the life history of Kuchipudi Guru China Satyam on the occasion.

Siddhendra Yogi award was presented to Dr Vedantam Ramalinga Sastry, Vempati Chinna Satyam lifetime achievement award to Dancer Madhavapeddi Murthy and Dr Padmasri Sobhanayudu lifetime achievement award to Vedantam Rade Shyam. Villagers, Kuchipudi dance masters, students and others attended the programme.



Head of GSL Medical Institute Dr Ganni Bhaskara Rao, Yogacharya Patanjali Srinivas, Bharat Vikas Parishad State leader PVS Krishna Rao and others honouring Dr Karri Rama Reddy, who achieved Ph D in Yoga Therapy, in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday

## Dr Karri Rama Reddy gets PhD in Yoga Therapy

DEEKSHITULA  
SUBRAHMANYAM  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

RENOWNED psychiatrist and Dr BC Roy National Awardee Dr Karri Rama Reddy completed his Ph D in Yoga Therapy. He informed that he did a part-time Ph D in a four-year yoga therapy course at Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Pondicherry). Although it is a Private Deemed university, it is running with high standards with NAAC A++ grade.

Dr Rama Reddy has already achieved world records with different degrees and higher educational qualifica-

tions. So far, he has obtained more than 33 degrees in different fields. He has already done his Ph D in Education, and Law and has recently done his Ph D in Yoga Therapy.

Dr Rama Reddy said that the thesis has been accepted, the public viva has been answered effectively and a certificate has been received from the university as a Ph D in Yoga Therapy. He became the first person to get a Ph D in this subject from this university.

Although there are diploma courses and PG courses in yoga therapy, there are no Ph D courses anywhere else,

he added.

Dr Rama Reddy said that Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani, Director of the Institute of Salutogenesis and Complementary Medicine at Balaji Vidyapeeth University, acted as his guide, Dr Meena Ramanathan, Principal of the School of Yoga Therapy, and Dr Mopidevi Vijay Gopal, Professor of Psychiatry at GSL Medical College acted as co-guides.

Head of GSL Medical Institutions Dr Ganni Bhaskara Rao, Yogacharya Patanjali Srinivas, Bharat Vikas Parishad State leader PVS Krishna Rao and others felicitated Dr Rama Reddy.

## SRKR student wins Master Orator championship

MV SYAM SUNDAR  
BHIMAVARAM

COMPUTER engineering third year student of SRKR Engineering College, Amudalappalli Jayasri, who won the Master Orator championship season-5 in English public speaking was felicitated and presented with a cash award of Rs 10,000 by college secretary and correspondent Sagi Ramakrishna Nishanth Varma on the college premises on Sunday.

Praising Jayasri for winning the championship, Nishanth Varma said that she is another gem, who hails from the native village China Amiram of the founder of SRKR Engineering College the late Sagi Ramakrishnam Raju.

College director Dr M Jagapathi Raju and Principal Dr KV Muralikrishnam Raju said that the college has necessary infrastruc-



SRKR Engineering College secretary and correspondent SRK Nishanth Varma felicitating Amudalappalli Jayasri for winning Master Orator championship Season-5, on the college premises at Bhimavaram on Sunday

ture to prepare the students for national and international competitions.

English and Foreign Languages head Dr BhVN Lakshmi and toastmaster club coordinator M Sankar said that the toastmaster international club was established in the USA to provide communication skills to the students.

As part of it, the SRKR engineering college also has a department. Sankar said that District 126 comprises Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Nagpore city and the public speaking competition was conducted for the district at Hyderabad where Jayasri secured the first place.

## EG TT teams win bronze medals

DEEKSHITULA  
SUBRAHMANYAM  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

EAST Godavari district Table Tennis teams won bronze medals in the AP Inter-District and State Championship tournament, which was held from October 13 in Anantapur.

The men's team consists of T Prabhat Sai, AD Manikantha, Manju Avinash, B Tanush, and Charan Karthik. In the women's team Y Vaishnavi Surya,

Charvi Phalgun, G Siri Pavani, P Srilakshmi and G Tanyashree were the members. Under 17 boys team consists of B Sai Joshi, S Lohit Surya, S Mohit Sri Kaphish, and K Gowtham. These three teams also won bronze medals in the competitions held in three categories. VTV Subbarao, who coached the teams, informed some of these players were playing well in individual categories and moving towards winning medals.



East Godavari district table tennis women team that wins bronze medal at AP Inter-District and State Championship tournament



Ongole MLA Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, Karanam Balaram, Magunta Raghava Reddy and others celebrating MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy's birthday at his residence in Ongole on Sunday

## Fans grandly celebrate Magunta's birthday

NARESH NANDAM  
ONGOLE  
(PRAKASAM DISTRICT)

THE fans and followers of Ongole MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy celebrated their leader's birthday on a grand scale at his office in Ongole on Sunday.

Ongole MLA Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, district Collector AS Dinesh Kumar,

YSRCP district president Janke Venkatarreddy, Chirala MLA Karanam Balaram Krishnamurthy, Giddalur MLA Anna Rambabu, YSRCP youth leader Magunta Raghava Reddy, Mayor Gangada Sujatha, TTD Board member Sidda Sudheer, former MLA Palaparti David Raju, Jupudi Prabhakar, Varikuti Ashok Babu and other leaders joined the fans

and followers of Magunta family and wished Srinivasulu Reddy a happy life ahead.

Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy thanked the people, who greeted him on his birthday. He said that the Magunta family is indebted to the love of their followers and supporters and assured that he will always be a family member to them.

## AWARD WINNERS FELICITATED



SRKR Engineering College secretary and correspondent SRK Nishanth Varma felicitating College Principal Dr KV Murali Krishnam Raju and UBA coordinator Dr T Rambabu in Bhimavaram on Sunday

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
BHIMAVARAM

DR T Rambabu, one of the coordinators of UBA (Unna Bharat Abhiyan) cell of SRKR Engineering College here, received the best coordinator award and College Principal Dr KV Murali Krishnam Raju received the best participating institute award from regional coordinating institute (RCI), Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. College

Director Dr M Jagapathi Raju said the college conducted service activities in nearby villages. College secretary and correspondent SRK Nishanth Varma felicitated Dr Rambabu and Dr KV Murali Krishnam Raju on the occasion. The college formed the UBA cell to conduct service activities like Swatch Bharat, supply of drinking water and motivational classes for students to give proper guidance for a better future. College R and D Dean Dr PA Ramakrishna Raju and others participated in the felicitation programme.

## Special puja performed to Goddess Rajarajeswari

VL SYAMSUNDAR  
GUNTUR

GODDESS Poleramma at Poleramma temple at Chutugunta Centre in Guntur city was adorned as Sri Rajarajeswari on Sunday on the occasion of Sarannavaratratu. Devasthanam authorities performed special pujas. A large number of devotees visited the temple

and performed pujas. Devasthanam authorities made arrangements for the convenience of the devotees. Goddess Sri Lakshmidēvi at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple at Gardens centre was adorned as Sri Rajarajeswari. Devasthanam authorities performed special pujas. Large number of devotees visited the temple and performed pujas to Sri Rajarajeswari.



Priest performing puja to Goddess Sri Rajarajeswari at Venkateswara Swamy temple in Guntur on Sunday

## Dandia, Garba enthrall audience

MV SYAM SUNDAR  
VIJAYAWADA

DANDIA and Garba programmes organised by Creative Soul Cultural Society, here on Sunday, have enthralled the audience. The dance events were organised paying tribute to Goddess Kanaka Durga during Dasara festivities, which started at Indrakeeladri on Sunday.

It may be recalled that the society has been organising the event every year for the past few years.

Sizable number of women from Gujarat and Rajasthan participated along with Telugu women giving the dance programme a national dimension.



People playing Dandia at SS Convention in Vijayawada on Sunday

Photo: Ch Venkata Mastan

The three-hour musical extravaganza conducted by DJ Ananth and RJ Shenoy with number of varieties of shows enthralled the youth. On the other hand, young

and adults participated in the fashion show with traditional attires. Prizes were distributed to the participants by the end of the show. Organisers Suman Meena

and Neha Jain said that Dandia is played across North India recalling the fierce battle between Goddess Durga and Mahishasura and victory over evil.

## TDP protests demanding release of water

VL SYAMSUNDAR  
GUNTUR

TDP leaders staged a dharna, demanding the government to release water under the ayacut of high-level channel to save standing crops. Former Ministers and TDP leaders Nakka Anand Babu, Alapati Rajendra Prasad and others holding sickle and withered paddy squatted on Nandivelugu road under Tenali mandal of Guntur district on Sunday. They raised slogans against the YSRCP government. Speaking on this occasion, Nakka Anand Babu said due to lack of sufficient water, paddy crop was withered. If the same situation continues, crops will be damaged. He expressed ire on the irrigation department officials, adding that there is no use of giving input subsidies to them after the crop was damaged. He spoke to irrigation department officials over the phone. District Collector M Venugopala Reddy and irrigation officials assured that they



Former Ministers and TDP leaders Nakka Anand Babu and Alapati Rajendra Prasad and leaders and activists staging protest at Nandivelugu on Sunday

will release water. Anand Babu said while 8,000 cusecs of water is required, the officials are releasing 3,000 cusecs only. He warned that if the government did not release sufficient water, they would intensify their agitation.

## ASP Koteswara Rao to represent AP team at TT tourney

GUNTUR: Adistrict Armed Reserve Additional SP K Koteswara Rao was selected to represent the AP team at national level police table tennis tournament to be held in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) from October 17. For the last three years, he represented the AP team at national level. Last year, he participated in the national level police table tennis tournament and bagged a silver medal.



Guntur district AR additional SP K Koteswara Rao (File photo)



BUGLE FOR BATTLE ROYAL

BRS manifesto aims for CHANDRAYAAN 3.0

- Rythu Bandhu, Aasara get upgrade, new schemes target women
- KCR mark victory manual for having one-upmanship over Cong

PATAN AFZAL BABU  
HYDERABAD

THE two main contenders -- BRS and Congress -- seem to be obsessed with number 9 as they chose day one of Navaratri to blow the poll bugle in all seriousness. Interestingly, both the parties have chosen the figure 50 plus again. While the BRS issued B Forms to 51 candidates, the Congress announced its first list of 55 candidates on Sunday.

While the BRS leaders who are yet to get the B Forms fear that the pink party boss is contemplating to change some of the candidates whose names had figured in the list of 115 candidates announced sometime back, the Congress leaders, who failed to get the tickets in the seats for which the names have been announced, are getting ready to board the car.

Amidst the scenario, BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao, who has just recovered from viral fever, released the party manifesto. KCR in the manifesto has strategically targeted to woo nearly 50 per cent of the voters who have already been enjoying the benefits of big schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Aasara pensions.

He announced the enhancement of the cash benefits of the two schemes and added a slew of new schemes targeting women and poorer

MANIFESTO HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Telangana Annapurna Scheme - Every household with ration card holder to be given 'Sanna Biyyam'

▶ KCR Aarogya Raksha Scheme - Aarogya Sri Bima Scheme coverage increased to **₹15 lakh**

▶ Soubhagyalakshmi Scheme - All eligible poor women to get **₹3,000** per month

▶ 119 residential schools for economically backward students

▶ Rythu Bandhu schematically will be increased to **₹16000** per acre per year. Immediately **₹11,000** and will see an increase of **₹1,000** per year

▶ Gas cylinder for Rs 400 to all eligible BPL families, and journalists

▶ Physically challenged persons' pension to increase to **₹6000**. Will benefit 5,35,000 people.

▶ 2BHK dignity houses Hyderabad city. This is in addition to the present one lakh 2BHK houses

▶ Minority junior colleges to be converted to Residential colleges

▶ Orphan policy of Telangana govt will be implemented in next term taking them as State Children

▶ Own buildings for Mahila Swashakti Groups.

▶ Aasara Pensions to be increased to **₹5000**. In first year, it will be hiked to ₹3000 and will see an increase of ₹500 every year

▶ KCR Bhima Prathi Intiki Dheema- **₹5 Lakh Insurance** Scheme for all BPL card holders 100 per cent premium will be paid

▶ Will study CPS to OPS pensions for government employees. A committee will be formed on it

sections.

The manifesto also came up with new schemes like Rs 5 lakh life insurance coverage to every person holding white ration card, Rs 3,000 honorarium to eligible women, house sites for all the poor and gas cylinders at Rs 400.

The Congress had earlier promised Rs 2,500 pension for women and gas cylinder

at Rs 500. The enhancement of Rythu Bandhu scheme benefit to Rs 16,000 per acre in the next five years is aimed to woo nearly 60 lakh farmers who have been receiving Rs 5,000 per acre and Rs 5 lakh Rythu Bima. He also clarified that the Rythu Bandhu amount would be first increased to Rs 12,000 from the next financial year and would become Rs 16,000

in the next five years.

Another major group of Aasara pensioners have been promised a pension of Rs 3,016 pension every month in the first year of BRS 3.0. It would be increased to Rs 6,016 by 2029. More than 40 lakh pensioners will benefit from this. The two major sections -- farmers and Aasara pensioners -- account for about 1.50 crore voters (out of 3.17 crore electorate). The



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ASKING people not to get confused and deceived by the Opposition rhetoric and vote after thinking, BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao on Sunday said the party would be winning 95-105 seats in the ensuing elections. It would continue the agenda set for the State.

The BRS chief launched the party campaign from Husnabad Assembly constituency. He handed over B-form to party candidate V Satish from the venue of the public meeting. KCR said many would come to the State now and they would talk about many things. "Don't vote as per other's perspective; vote after thinking. Think what was the situation of Telangana nine and half years ago and what the situation is now," counselled Rao.

He narrated how the State had seen progress during the last nine and half years---It was number one in many issues like per capita income, per capita power consumption. Rao lashed out at the Congress for seeking one more term. "Some parties are saying one chance...These parties have already got 10 chances. You were in power for 60 years here and in Delhi also, but failed to address basic issues. Even after 75 years of independence, dalits are backward. We should all feel



BRS believes that their manifesto would trump the six guarantees offered by the Congress. The increase of Aarogya Sri limit to Rs 15 lakh and the establishment of residential schools for poorer sections in upper classes and the promise to implement the old pension scheme are aimed at targeting the students, parents and government employees. However, the BJP criticised the BRS manifesto as a cut and paste of the old manifestoes.

● Says party sure to win 95-105 Assembly seats

● Launches party campaign from Husnabad; lashed out at Cong for seeking one more term

● Announces Rs 5,000 pension; to be increased by Rs 500 every year; it will be Rs 5,000 in five years



power. "I will complete and come to release water," he said, adding the Shanigaram project main canal would be repaired. He also promised to take up beautification of Veerabhadra Swamy temple at Kothakonda. He assured to take the Siddipet-Elakaturthi road widening.

The BRS chief said the party was going ahead with the agenda of making all sections feel good. "To continue the agenda in the country the BRS should win. Ensure Sathish's victory with a huge margin. The Husnabad result should be the foundation for getting 95-105 seats," said Rao.

BRS aiming to strike a blow at Cong by cajoling Reddys

K CHANDRASHEKHAR  
HYDERABAD

TO strike a blow to the Congress party, the ruling BRS is focusing on leaders from the Reddy community, even as Ministers KT Rama Rao and T Harish Rao are ensuring they are brought into the party.

The Congress party is traditionally dominated by leaders from the Reddy community. With TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy also being from the community, there were talks of reunion of the community leaders.

According to sources, the BRS leadership feels that Reddy leaders coming together would polarise votes in many constituencies as these leaders come with big money. The ruling party does not want to take chances as some Reddy leaders have also left in the recent past.

During the last few days several leaders from the community have joined the BRS. They include former MLA P Shashidhar Reddy, who joined in the presence of Harish Rao on Friday. Along with Shashidhar Reddy several other leaders from the Congress party also joined.

Recently, Medak DCC president Kanthareddy Tirupati Reddy also joined the ruling party. He was expecting a ticket from Medak constituency in the ensuing election. However, with rumours that the ticket being reserved for Mynampally Hanumanth

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Rao's son Rohit, he quit the party and joined BRS. Similarly, Shyamsundar Reddy from Alair constituency also joined the BRS.

In a latest desertion, Uppal Congress leader Singireddy Somashekhar Reddy also resigned.

He is the husband of AS Rao Nagar corporator Singireddy Sirisha Reddy. Sources said the BRS leaders are trying to convince the Congress leader to join the party. Sources also said the BRS leaders are also wooing BC leaders from Congress. While they succeeded in wooing senior Congress leader Ponnala Lakshmaiah to resign, they are trying to get other leaders as well.

According to the sources, the BRS working president persuaded Lakshmaiah to resign and join the BRS. During an interaction with the media, KTR had said he would visit Ponnala if he agrees to join the party.



VIT-AP students bag 3 medals in Karate championship

MV SYAM SUNDAR  
INAVOLU  
(GUNTUR DISTRICT)

STUDENTS from VIT-AP University displayed their martial arts prowess at the national level Invitational South Indian Karate championship held in Visakhapatnam on October 8, according to a communiqué from Dr Khadeer Pasha, deputy director of student welfare of the university. He said that outstanding over 500 participants, their talented students clinched two silver medals and one bronze medal in this prestigious competition.

HEAVY RAINS LASH KERALA

Thiruvananthapuram: As heavy rains continued to batter Kerala, landslides and flooding were reported from many parts of the state, especially its southernmost district of Thiruvananthapuram, which was severely affected by waterlogging in several areas on Sunday. According to visuals shown on TV channels, the heavy rains since Saturday led to waterlogging and flooding of streets, roads and low-lying areas of Thiruvananthapuram district.



(L to R) Deputy Director, Student Welfare Dr Khadeer Pasha, students with medals, Vice-Chancellor Dr SV Kota Reddy and Physical Education Director Dr Ramachandra Rao at VIT-AP University in Inavolu

Vatanes Sharma, a second-year B Tech student, demonstrated remarkable skill and earned a silver medal in Black Belt category of Kata. Likewise, John Samuel, a third-year B Tech student, showcased his prowess and secured a silver medal in the Kata event, competing in the Orange Belt category. Adding to the achievements, Sai Ganesh was awarded a bronze

Cong releases first list for MP, Chhattisgarh

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Congress has fielded Vikram Mastal from the Budhni constituency, the same seat where BJP has fielded Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Besides, Congress has fielded Ajay Singh Rahul from Churhat, Jitu Patwari from Rau, Hemant Katare from Ater, Vikrant Bhuria from Jhabua. In the first list, Congress fielded candidates in 30 ST community constituencies and in 22 SC community seats. The MP Assembly elections will take place on

November 17, in a single phase and results will be announced on December 3.

In Chhattisgarh, Deputy CM TS Singh Deo has been retained from his bastion, Ambikapur. Besides, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will fight from Patan. Baghel has represented Patan since 2003 and served as the Chhattisgarh Congress chief from 2014 to 2019. He will be facing his distant nephew and BJP leader Vijay Baghel in the Patan seat.

Congress leader Amarjeet Bhagat has been fielded from

medal in Kata, underscoring his excellence in this discipline.

Vice-Chancellor Dr SV Kota Reddy appreciated the students for their remarkable achievements in the national level South Indian Invitational Karate Open Championship, where they secured two silver medals and one bronze medal. "We, at VIT-AP University, are immensely proud of their accomplishments, and we look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success in both academics and extracurricular pursuits," he said.

the Sitapur assembly constituency, where he has won the seat four times. 14 out of 30 candidates announced in Chhattisgarh belong to the ST community. Besides, three women have been given tickets, as per the first list. Congress has also given tickets to the MLAs who had been facing anti-incumbency in their seats as per the party's internal survey.

In Chhattisgarh, voting will take place in two phases -- November 7 and November 17, and results will be declared on December 3.

US wants India to share space tech: ISRO chief

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JPL is a research and development laboratory funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and managed by California Institute of Technology (CALTECH) in the United States of America. "US space experts also said one thing, look at the scientific instruments, they are very cheap. Very easy to build and they are high technology. How did you build it? Why don't you sell this to America," they were asking," he said. "So, students you can understand how times have changed. We are capable

of building the best equipment, best devices, and the best rockets in India. That is why our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has opened the space sector," he said, adding that India successfully touched down near the south pole of lunar surface with the Chandrayaan-3's lander on August 23, making it only the fourth country to achieve the feat of a Moon landing after the US, China and the erstwhile Soviet Union.

Somanath further told the students, "Now we are telling you people to come and build rockets, satellites and make our nation more powerful in space technology. It is not only ISRO, everybody can do it in space. There is one company in Chennai building rockets called Agnikul and another in Hyderabad called Skyroot. In India, there are at least five companies building rockets and satellites today."

Appealing to the young audience at the venue to follow the ideology of Kalam, Somanath said the most powerful tool is to dream and "Kalam sir told you that you should dream when you are awake and not in the night." "Anybody have such dreams? Anybody want to go to the Moon? When

we landed Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft on the Moon, I declared to PM Modi that India is on the Moon. And he asked when are you going to send an Indian to the Moon. So, some of you sitting here will do that job. Some of you will design the rocket which will go to the Moon," he said.

"And at the launch of Chandrayaan-10, one of you will go sitting inside the rocket and most probably a girl child. A girl astronaut will go from India and then land on the Moon (in Chandrayaan-10 mission)" he said, amid applause from the students.

Cong debutants to lock horns with BRS biggies

MD NIZAMUDDIN  
HYDERABAD

CONGRESS Party's new faces will be taking on the BRS bigwigs in the upcoming Assembly elections.

In the GHMC area party candidates Kota Neelima (Sanathnagar), T Vajresh Yadav (Medchal) and Adam Santosh Kumar (Secunderabad) will be locking horns with Ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Ch Malla Reddy and Deputy Speaker T Padma Rao Goud respectively. The wife of AICC leader and MP Pawan Kherra, the former journalist-turned politician Neelima has been aggressively campaigning in the constituency. She has remained the top choice for the

party for some time.

Vajresh Yadav, also known as Jangaiah, is the PCC vice-president and party Medchal constituency in-charge. He is busy conducting padayatras and meeting people to win the contest. Adam Santosh Kumar, the PCC general secretary, is engaging voters of his constituency with programmes like 'Basti Poru' for the past few months.

Former BRS leader Mynampally Hanumanth Rao who recently shifted loyalties to the Congress will be contesting for the first time in the elections on party ticket from Malkajgiri.

He will be taking on Marri Rajasekhar Reddy, the son-in-law of Labour Minister Malla Reddy.

Congress bets on experience

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The new entrants are Juppally Krishna Rao who was a minister in Y S Rajasekhar Reddy's Cabinet but later migrated to the BRS. He will contest from Kollapur. The other two new entrants are Mynampally Haunumantha Rao, who would contest from Malkajgiri in the city, while his son Rohit Rao will fight the polls from Medak.

The notable factor of the list is that it is dominated by Reddys. All the three MPs have been asked to contest the Assembly elections -- TPCC president A Revanth Reddy will contest from Kodangal, N Uttam Kumar Reddy from Huzurnagar, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy from Nalgonda.

Revanth was elected from Kodangal in 2009 and 2014 but lost to the BRS in 2018. Uttam Kumar Reddy vacated Huzurnagar after getting elected to the Lok Sabha and the BRS wrested the seat. Venkat Reddy had lost to the BRS in 2018.

Other notable candidates are Uttam's wife N Padmavati, senior leaders like

CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Damodara Raja Narasimha and incumbent MLAs Duddilla Sridhar Babu from Manthani, Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) from Mulugu, Podem Veeraiah from Bhadrachalam and Thurpu Jagga Reddy from Sangareddy.

While Jana Reddy's name did not figure in the list, his son Kunduru Jayaveer Reddy will contest from Nagarjunasagar in the place of his father.

Senior Congress leaders and former ministers Dr J Geetha Reddy from Zahirabad (SC) and Nagam Janardhan Reddy from Nagarkurnool were denied the party ticket but the name of Mohd Shabbir Ali is still under consideration.

The names of Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, who are eyeing to contest in the old Khammam district, would be announced in the second list as the Congress is in talks with the Left parties regarding the seat sharing. The two Left parties have been offered two seats each.



# It’s likely Congress Vs BRS in head-to-head

ALL political parties seem to be rooting for the number 9 as it is believed to bring success, happiness and prosperity. Pink party supremo K Chandrashekhara Rao released his manifesto on the first day of Navaratri Utsav. Aimed well at its target constituents, it promises hike in social security pension, financial aid under the ‘Rythu Bandhu’ etc. It also promises to provide LPG cylinders at Rs 400 each for certain sections. The Congress also chose the day to release the first list of over 50 candidates, accommodating almost all the seniors. The second list is expected by Thursday.

In a strategic move, the BRS decided not to give all the ‘B Forms’

in one go on Sunday, causing much apprehensions on the ticket hopefuls as well as sitting MLAs. KCR tried to allay concerns, saying he could not sign them all and needs a little more time. However, there is a buzz the delay in ‘B’ form issue is a calculated move to prevent desertions by dissidents over denial of tickets. KCR in his manifesto did some ‘cut-paste’ from the earlier manifestos, saying that some programmes need to be continued but with higher benefits. He seems to be pinning hopes on the beneficiaries of such schemes, promising higher outgo if his party is re-elected. As the thrust would be on retaining their trust, his election campaign may see less

of rhetoric and more of emphasis on transformation in people’s lives on account of these sops. KCR is clearing banking on this welfare mantra to get him better results, by raising the quantum of aid, rather than come out with new schemes. He seems to reckon that this strategy could help him endear his BRS party to around 1.5 crore people. Even if about 40% of beneficiaries vote for it, BRS can easily romp home for a record third consecutive term. Losing a few seats would not matter thus. A bird in hand is worth two in bush, indeed.

As far as Congress is concerned, ticket allotment after a fierce competition among the aspirants naturally led to protests; some

burnt photos of TPCC president A Revanth Reddy. However, such protests are not uncommon, especially in a party like Congress. The heat is expected to die down soon. Revanth Reddy is ratcheting up the Congress pitch for power. He is actively wooing his former colleagues in TDP and personally meeting them. Among the names expected to bolster Congress ranks are Mandava Venkateshwar Rao and Revuri Prakash Reddy, currently twiddling their thumbs in BRS. A former TDP minister and a close confidante of former CM N Chandrababu Naidu, Mandava is unhappy as he expected RS nomination after joining BRS after the state bifurcation. Congress may

agree to field him from Nizamabad Rural. Interestingly, senior Congress leader Ponnala Lakshmaiah who left the party is getting ready to board the pink car. He may not get a ticket but could be assured of a party post or MLC seat later.

Next week may witness interesting switchovers, as all parties would be battle-ready by Vijayadashmi. With netas so far switching only between Congress and BRS, it remains to be seen what the saffron party strategy will be. It is still dragging its feet on naming its candidates. Will it prove to be the Uttara Kumara of Kurukshetra Battle? May be. But one thing is certain it will not cross the single digit in the elections.

## LETTERS

### Befitting honour to our ‘People’s President’

THE World Students’ Day, observed on October 15, is a heartfelt tribute to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, affectionately known as the ‘People’s President’ and ‘Missile Man of India.’ His lifelong dedication to education and youth empowerment led the United Nations to designate this day in 2010. It serves to recognise the indispensable role of students in shaping the world and underscores the transformative power of knowledge. World Students’ Day encourages young individuals to embrace learning and actively contribute to society while fostering global educational initiatives.

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, Hyderabad

### Regular rituals during every election

PROPOS Hans editorial on October 13: “Electoral dynamics and the lure of freebies.” It is a repetition of contestants’ and voters’ plight in every general elections of Assemblies and Parliament. As usual money and muscle power are the vital players in election game. In Telangana state itself so far, unaccounted money worth Rs 20-25 crore was seized by police. Freebies are another means to lure voters. Election codes are for announcements only. Malpractices by parties by impersonating voters is another booth story. Where these wades of currency are coming from? Is black money totally unearthed? Touching feet, embraces, taking tiny tots in arms and kissing them, showing heaven in palms and many other known and unknown tricks are exhibited until the date of election. Once elected, voters become untouchables.

NSK Prasad, Hyderabad

### TSPSC goof-up claims a young life

IT is quite unfortunate that a female student aspiring for government employment has committed suicide out of apparent frustration following the cancellation of two examinations for Group I & II posts due to reported leakage of question papers. Even though the other angle to her suicide is also making rounds, the issue of unemployment cannot be set aside so casually. The TSPSC erred in making foolproof arrangements for the conduct of the recruitment tests and caused heartburn among scores of jobless youth in the State. Under these circumstances, any mishap of the above nature would capture the imagination of the opposition political parties to lash out at the ruling party. However, this would die down sooner than later as there are much more serious matters, freebies, to deal with for all the stakeholders, because the electorate is pitifully ready to be devoured on this score.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

### Team india on a roll

MAGNIFICENT Indian team-work made Pakistan eat a humble pie. India is now going strong with a “hat-trick victory” in the ODI cricket World Cup - 2023 (with a win over Aussies, Afghanistan and Pakistan now). As usual, it was a stunning Indian well-knit team effort. 5 bowlers claimed 2 wickets each, to clean-bowl Pakistan for a paltry 191 runs. Rohit Sharma well on his way to 8th record - World Cup - century was caught out for a brilliant 86. Shreyas too scored a half-century to seal the Indian hat-trick victory in just 30.3 overs. Billion \$ suspense question is: who will meet sure-shot India in the final on 19th November 2023 in Ahmedabad at Narendra Modi Stadium?

PV Srinivas Sreelekha, Secunderabad

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HOSTS India won the ambitiously waiting match versus Pakistan, easily proving that the team has great chances to win the World Cup. After winning the toss, India made a right choice by opting to bowl first. India restricted in-form Pakistan for a meager total of 191 runs. Indian seam bowlers as well as spinners bowled exceedingly well to win the match for India. Captain Rohit Sharma opened the innings brilliantly, scoring one among the fastest half century, which placed India in a comfortable position at Narendra Modi stadium,

V Bhagirth Kumar, Hyderabad

### Burdening courts with whimsical cases

AT the entry stage itself, the courts ought not to have allowed such PILs concerning purely with subjects of wholly academic and scientific nature. An entirely exclusive set-up of hierarchal global domains are in place to test, verify and validate such newly raised objections, as of those about the veracity of Darwin theory and Einstein’s postulate of E= MC Square. Such avenues, which are best qualified and equipped to pronounce a final say, need be approached and not our civil courts. In a way, craving for publicity is eating away into the precious time of our justice system. Courts should be resorted to only as a last and inevitable option, at least in view of the present heavy pendency of legal cases in our courts.

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## ONLINE BENGALURU

### Mysuru Street Food: Special Dasara advisory for hygiene

MYSURU: Hygiene in food and beverages, along with the cleanliness of urban areas, stands as the triumvirate of key principles for any tourist-driven city. Mysore, celebrated for its street food, has embarked on an educational campaign targeting its street food vendors, urging them to adhere to the established norms and guidelines governing food safety within the city. Mysore’s street food has perennially captivated tourists, providing an authentic taste of Mysorean cuisine, from the ubiquitous idly and dosas to the flavorful Puliogare (Tamarind rice) and zesty lemon rice. Street vendors faithfully prepare these dishes using time-honoured methods. This culinary charm doesn’t just lure local visitors but also beckons travellers from around the world. However, recent challenges of safety and hygiene surfaces during the Dasara celebrations for 10 days when cleanliness and food safety take a beating due to copious flow of tourists from all over the country if not from different parts of the world. The city’s leaders are committed to preventing such a recurrence.

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# Radicalisation behind Hamas attack

D C PATHAK

THE ‘terrorist’ character of the elaborately planned cross-border attack on Israel by Hamas cannot be defended on political grounds of Israeli ‘high-handedness’ in Gaza and West Bank and the long history of ‘wars’ and violent clashes between Israel and Palestine.

The attack is Israel’s 9/11 or 26/11 in terms of mobilisation of militants and war material, timing of the offensive to coincide with the weeklong celebration of Sukkot, the nation’s most important festival and use of the big scale rocket firing from Gaza as a ‘cover’ by the terrorists to physically cross into Israel to cause devastation in the border belt by indiscriminately targeting the civilian population including women and children and even taking them hostage in large numbers.

Terrorism is a covertly planned attack and technical surveillance of communications of the leaders of terror outfits, by itself may not provide a clue to what was in the offing.

Hamas was originally in the class of Islamist organisations represented by Ikhwanul Musalmeen (Muslim Brotherhood) that had begun in Syria and Egypt to oppose the pro- Left and secular regimes of Hafiz al Assad and Gamal Abdul Nasser and call for establishment of an Islamic rule. It termed Quran as the best Constitution and professed that sovereignty belongs only to Allah.

Its political stance pleased the West. Its descendant in South Asia was the Jamaat-e-Islami founded by Maulana Abul Ala Maudoodi which remained in the good books of the British in the run-up to Independence



and became an advocate of the Sharia- based rule in Pakistan. Jamaat became the main instrument of Nizam-e-Mustafa declared by Gen Ziaul Haq.

Hamas was established in Palestine in the 80s as an off-spring of Palestinian Branch of Muslim Brotherhood with its ideological affiliation with the Jamaat as well and intrinsic opposition to the secular Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) led by Yassir Arafat.

Pakistan meanwhile had led the anti-Soviet armed campaign in Afghanistan on the war cry of Jihad using the Jamaat’s Hizbul Mujahideen (HuM) and Saudi funded Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as its main weapons. Al Qaeda and its affiliate Taliban also joined in at the instance of Pakistan and when the first Emirate was established at Kabul in 1996 with the full support of Pakistan, all outfits wedded to Islam were happy. Pakistan managed to get recognition of the Emirate from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, who were otherwise quite distrustful of radicals.

Mullah Omar, the Emir of Afghanistan, was a close relative of Osama bin Laden. It so happened that the Taliban being the product of the ‘Wahhabi’ revolt of the 19th

**Projection of Islam as a peace-loving religion is put to test and it has to be seen if Israel’s existence would be acknowledged by the Muslim world paving the way for the enlargement of Abraham Accord presently being worked out between Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Israel**

Century against the British on the Indian subcontinent, carried an anti-West legacy and soon ran into a conflict with the US. The latter was compelled to work for the ouster of the Kabul Emirate and that laid the groundwork for 9/11.

A developing rapport between the Islamic regime and the radicals in Pakistan because of the appeal that the revivalist call of the latter to go back to the puritan Islam of the days of Pious Caliphs, held for Muslims generally, spread of ‘radicalisation’ in countries such as Yemen, Qatar, Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Malaysia and Afghanistan besides Pakistan and a shrinking of influence of Saudi Arabia in the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) because of its continuing deep alliance with US, have been the glaring features of the Muslim world ever since.

The unleashing of terrorist violence by Hamas has to be seen in the backdrop of the growing radicalisation in the Muslim world that takes into its sweep of indoctrination not only discontented youth but even the thinking Muslims by spreading the belief that deviation from the ‘golden period’ of Islam was responsible for all the ills of the Muslim societies. The radicals alleged that the overbearing policies of US and its allies put Islam in danger and that the situation demanded recourse to jihad.

Increasing control of Israel the closest ally of US, on Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem which is the third holiest place for Muslims -- adjoining the Western Wall on Temple Mount, the holiest site of Jews -- has made it easy for Hamas to make it a fight for ‘faith’. Exclusivism of Islam and the pull of supremacy that this faith ex-

cised on its followers carried the potential for creating a ‘war of religions’.

Politically this is generating a sentiment against the US-led West and marking out countries like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt, who had been keeping up good relations with the US-as the opponents of radicalisation.

In a bird’s eye view the geopolitical divide between US-led West representing the democratic order and the world of autocratic regimes could be getting stronger. India’s natural place is with the former particularly because of the reality of Sino-Pak axis working against India and the threat of cross border terrorism involving both radicals and other Pak-ISI linked militant outfits showing no signs of decline.

Those finding fault with Israel for creating conditions that led to the attack, discard outright the suggestion made by US and others that there should be two states - Palestine and Israel - in the region. They advised India not to ‘weaken’ its friendship with the Arab world but disregarded the fact that India’s relations with Saudi Arabia, UAE and Egypt are now elevated to the level of strategic partnership. The world today needs international relations based not on considerations of religion but of global security and economic advancement. The Delhi summit of G20 under India’s Presidency clearly established this vision.

Terrorism driven by the motivation rooted in notions of supremacism of ‘faith’ can be deadly and can never be supported as a means for achieving political settlements. Shia extremism under the Ayatollahs of Iran is against US and Western Capitalism and is on the same side of the fence as

Sunni radicals in so far as their hostility towards West was concerned. Islamic militants had taken on the powerful Soviet army in Afghanistan once and they could hold on against Israel in an asymmetric warfare mode. The Israel- Hamas conflict may proceed on an unchartered course. Already some 2500 people on both sides lost their lives and nearly 4000 were injured in the first three days of the conflict.

India is firm against acts of terrorism but it would be interested in a settlement of the political dispute between Palestinians and Israel. A major issue would be to evolve an adjustment about worship at Al Aqsa mosque being allowed in a regulated manner while the identity of Temple Mount was secured without any reservations from the Arab side. Ukraine-Russia confrontation was triggered by conflict of political ideology but Hamas- Israel violent face off is primarily anchored on causes concerned more with religion than with political identities of Palestine and Israel. These developments can adversely affect both global security and world economy. India’s dictum that ‘this is not an era of war’ should be heeded and restoration of peace between Israel and Palestinian Authority negotiated on the basis of acceptance of the idea of two states living in peaceful coexistence.

Projection of Islam as a peace-loving religion is put to test and it has to be seen if Israel’s existence would be acknowledged by the Muslim world paving the way for the enlargement of Abraham Accord presently being worked out between Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Israel.

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## SCROLLING INTO STRESS

# HOW CLIMATE FEARS HIT YOUNG PEOPLE

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YOUNG people are suing their governments in the state of Montana and European countries, accusing them of not doing enough to protect the environment. They’ve effectively stepped up from a case of anxiety over the environment to a legal one. It is perhaps one of the most spectacular results of youthful concern over the environment and their assessment of progress on climate action. Those concerns are driving increased eco-anxiety — a term used to describe the emotional distress caused by the shifting environment and the growing climate crisis. Social media often feeds it.

Young people typically use social media for self-expression, social connection and information sharing but they face various challenges too. That can intensify their feelings of helplessness, fear and despair over climate change. This wave of negative news and imagery can create a sense of urgency that young people might struggle to process, leaving them anxious about the state of the planet and its future.

It begs the question: how to ease

young people’s eco-anxiety while still using social media for environmental awareness? The global survey on climate anxiety among children and people aged 16 to 25 years from 10 countries, including Brazil, India, Nigeria, Philippines and Australia, revealed that they are extremely worried and feel sad, powerless, helpless and betrayed by their governments. This survey also revealed that the adverse impacts on daily life from the climate crisis were greater for youth in the Global South.

While problem-focused coping has seen young people engaging more in climate action and activism, the unpleasant emotions — including frustration over governments’ lack of political will and action — is contributing to the rising eco-anxiety and poor mental health. A study found that individuals experiencing eco-anxiety had higher rates of depression, anxiety, stress, lower self-reported mental health and functional impairment. Eco-anxiety is compounding the pre-existing mental health issues of young people that are often neglected or overlooked.

The World Health Organization reports that globally one in seven 10 to 19 year-olds live with a men-



tal health condition, with suicide being the fourth-leading cause of death among 15 to 29-year-olds. It is crucial for them to receive timely and appropriate mental health support. Eco-anxiety was found to have a significant correlation with the rate of exposure to information about the impacts of climate change, the amount of attention paid to climate change information and what is seen as acceptable by peers. Social media plays a critical role in this exposure to information and can significantly influence cognitive biases that increase the tendency to trust and circulate information that fits with existing

beliefs or political inclinations. These biases are magnified in a digital landscape where biased social media algorithms often create echo chambers and filter bubbles. Those algorithms will reinforce existing viewpoints. Social media giants like Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter) employ algorithms that tailor the users’ content based on online sponsorship, promotions, and predicted emotional reactions, regardless of whether these reactions are of joy, sympathy or anger. This overexposure to unbalanced and biased information about climate change can deepen the effects of eco-anx-

iety and the general mental health on the young, especially those with pre-existing conditions.

Building media literacy education into schools and youth networks to increase awareness about climate change is also part of the solution. Schools could actively engage with youth-led climate initiatives. There are also youth-driven platforms that allow them to engage positively in climate action. Including young people’s voices and experiences is crucial in understanding the impacts of social media and eco-anxiety on their mental health and helping governments develop effective programs.

A 2022 study found that positive news stories about climate action can help young people’s mental and social well-being. Governments could drive this by establishing youth advisory boards and collaborating with social media and news platforms to formulate appropriate climate change reporting guidelines. This initiative will ensure that young people’s voices are considered in the decision-making process and that social media and news platforms actively contribute to strengthening youth action and well-being around climate change.



# Navaratri Brahmotsavam begins on grand note

## Lord Malayappa rides on Peddasesha Vahanam

DUSI VENKATESWARA RAO  
TIRUMALA

LORD Malayappa in the form of Paramapada Vaikuntanatha along with His consorts Sri devi and Bhudevi mounted on Pedda Sesha Vahanam and blessed the devotees on the first day of the nine-day Navaratri Brahmotsavam at Tirumala on Sunday. The deities adorned with dazzling ornaments on the richly-decorated Peddasesha Vahanam enthralled the devotees who gathered in the galleries in the four Mada streets around the shrine.

Adishesha, the mythological serpent king is considered as an embodiment of Dasa Bhakti, love of God who the faithful believe served the God as Lakshmana in Ramavatar and Balarama in Krishnavatar.

Earlier in the morning, the annual Brahmotsavam took off with Bangaru Tiruchi procession. Sri Malayappa Swamy in all His divine grace along with His consorts



Lord Malayappa Swamy along with His consorts blessing devotees from atop Peddasesha Vahanam on the first day of Navaratri Brahmotsavam at Tirumala on Sunday

blessed the devotees along the four Mada streets around the shrine.

The hilltop temple town wore a festive look with floral decorations while the entire temple has been decked up with flowers of various

colours. Tirumala pontiffs Pedda Jeeyar, Chinna Jeeyar, TTD Chairman B Karunakar Reddy, Executive Officer A V Dharma Reddy, Trust board member Subba Raju, Parupattadar Uma Maheswara Reddy and others were pre-

sent. Meanwhile, the TTD made elaborate arrangements anticipating more pilgrims due to Dasara holidays and also cancelled all Arjitha Sevas and VIP breaks to provide darshan to more number of common pilgrims.

# CM to inaugurate Infosys Development Centre today

## Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy will take part in various programmes in Visakhapatnam and Anapapalli districts

VASU POTNURU  
VISAKHAPATNAM

CHIEF Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will visit Visakhapatnam and Anapapalli districts to participate in various programmes scheduled to be held on Monday.

The Chief Minister is scheduled to arrive here at 10:20 am. He will inaugurate Infosys Development Centre located at IT Hill No.3 at Madhurawada. He will reach the venue in a helicopter.

Jagan Mohan Reddy will interact with the Infosys management and deliver a speech. During the programme, the Chief Minister will also launch beach cleaning machines.

From Madhurawada, he will proceed to Parawada in Anapapalli district and interact with people's representatives.

Later, Jagan will take part in the inauguration of Eugia Sterile Pvt Ltd located in the Pharma City in Parawada. Similarly, the Chief Minister will participate in the inauguration of Laurus Lab unit-



Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Audimulapu Suresh and IT Minister G Amaranth inspecting the arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit in Visakhapatnam on Sunday

2 formulation block and unveil the LSPL unit 2.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be conducted for Laurus Lab unit 11 and LSPL unit 3. Later, an interaction programme is scheduled with CEO, directors and other dignitaries. The Chief Minister will depart

from Visakhapatnam airport at 3.20 pm. Meanwhile, Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Audimulapu Suresh inspected the arrangements made for the Chief Minister's visit at IT Hill No.3 in Madhurawada.

The Minister made sev-

eral suggestions to the officials at the venue. He was accompanied by IT Minister G Amarnath, Visakhapatnam District Collector A Mallikarjuna, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Commissioner C M Saikanth Varma, among others.

## GOVERNOR PRAYS AT DURGA TEMPLE



Governor S Abdul Nazeer had darshan of the presiding deity on the first day of the Navaratri festival at Sri Kanaka Durga temple on Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Sunday

Photo: Ch Venkata Mastan

## MP to sanction ₹ 80 cr for Nellore rural segment

M SRINIVASA RAO  
NELLORE

YSRCP MP and in-charge of Nellore Rural Assembly constituency Adala Prabhakara Reddy has assured to sanction another Rs 80 crore for the development of rural constituency.

Laying foundation stone for construction of cement road at 36th division in Bat-

wadipalem on Sunday, the MP said that the state government has released adequate funds for development of Nellore rural constituency and proposed to sanction another Rs 80 crore in the coming days.

Saying that government was giving top priority for providing infrastructure facilities in both urban and rural areas, the MP urged the people to



Nellore MP Adala Prabhakara Reddy laying foundation for construction of a cement road at a cost of Rs 80 lakh at Batwadipalem in Nellore Rural constituency on Sunday

extend their cooperation to the government to continue more developmental projects in future. YSRCP 36th division in-charge Pindi Suresh and others were present

## GVL calls for promoting Vizag as sought-after tourist destination



BJP Rajya Sabha MP GVL Narasimha Rao discussing with the representatives of hotel association and travel industry in Visakhapatnam on Sunday

RANI DEVALLA  
VISAKHAPATNAM

BJP MP GVL Narasimha Rao underlined the need for preparing an integrated plan for the development of tourism in Visakhapatnam region.

Holding discussions with travel industry and hotel association representatives here on Sunday, the MP said with its picturesque beauty, Visakhapatnam needs to be promoted as a unique travel destination. Pitching for the promotion of tourism in Visakhapatnam as part of 'Vision Visakhapatnam 2030' initiative, GVL stated that the discussion was aimed at identifying the possibilities of making Visakhapatnam a high-end tourist destination. The meeting was attended by Visakhapatnam chapter AP Chamber of Commerce Chairman Ch. Srinath, CII vice-chairman Granthi Rajesh and representatives from hotels, travel and tourism fields.

Earlier, MP GVL held a series of meetings with the representatives of shipping, pharma, fertilisers, chemicals and aqua sector industries as a part of the 'Vision Visakhapatnam 2030'.

Acute shortage of skilled workers in the hospitality industry, housekeeping staff were brought to the fore. Responding to them, GVL suggested that the tourism sector offers opportunities for training and employing the local youth by creating necessary training facilities and infrastructure. He assured that he would coordinate with concerned government agencies for setting up such suitable facilities in Visakhapatnam.

Further, he pointed out that there are no incentives or encouragement from the state government to the tourism and hotel sector and therefore even in a city like Visakhapatnam, the occupancy rate of hotels is not reaching more than 50 to 60 per cent.

The MP recommended adoption of innovative marketing ideas to place Visakhapatnam as a sought-after tourist destination in the country. By leveraging new infrastructure such as international cruise terminal, GVL said, Visakhapatnam will not only be developed as a major tourist destination but also be preferred for leisure tourism, eco-tourism, corporate and medical tourism, etc.,

## AGITATION AGAINST NAIDU's ARREST

# Bhuvaneswari takes part in 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' protest

DEEKSHITULA  
SUBRAHMANYAM  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

IN protest against the arrest of TDP national president N Chandrababu Naidu in the alleged "skill development scam", his wife Bhuvaneswari along with other party activists participated in a protest 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' at her camp residence at Vidyanaagar in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday night.

The agitation was organised State-wide by the TDP at 7 pm on Sunday. Bhuvaneswari took part in the protest by tying her hands with ropes. Several women



TDP national president N Chandrababu Naidu's wife Nara Bhuvaneswari and other TDP activists taking part in 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' protest in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday evening

activists and other senior TDP leaders who participated in 'Nyayaniki Sankellu' protest raised slogan, "We

are with Babu, Nyayaniki Sankellu Inkennallu?" Senior TDP leaders and MLAs Nimmakayala Chinara-

jappa, Gorantla Butchiah Chowdary and several women activists participated in the protest.

# Venkatagiri, a hub for exquisite handloom saris

- It has gained worldwide recognition for its rich tradition of handloom weaving
- Venkatagiri handlooms are now in the race for the coveted 'One District One Product' award
- Invest India team to conduct an in-depth examination of the handloom products & saris of Venkatagiri

V PRADEEP KUMAR  
TIRUPATI

VENKATAGIRI has gained worldwide recognition for its rich tradition of handloom weaving, a heritage that spans over 150 years.

This handloom is now vy-



A view of SPKM Indian Institute of Handloom Technology in Venkatagiri

ing for the coveted 'One District One Product (ODOP) Award 2023', a national-level competition organised by the Central government.

The significance of this competition lies in its potential to expand the reach of Venkatagiri handloom products, both within the nation and internationally.

This ancient craft is renowned for producing stunning saris, particularly those adorned with silver zari and fine zari work, which enhance the beauty of women across the region and captivate the hearts of connoisseurs far and wide, including enthusiasts in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.



Trainees at the Institute

This time-honoured art form has thrived in the hands of skilled artisans, with thousands of families excelling in the handloom industry across villages in Venkatagiri, Paturu and Nellore rural.

The distinctive Jandani work which features symmetrical designs on both sides of the sari, stands as a testament

to the remarkable craftsmanship of the weavers in this region. Additionally, the cotton saris are celebrated for their vibrant Changanvi colours, showcasing the artisans' exceptional skills.

A significant contribution to this craft comes from primary societies, comprising 660 members across 22 so-



Venkatagiri saris

cieties who work tirelessly. These artisans actively participate in handloom textile exhibitions organised by the Central and State governments. Their products are made available in APCO garment centres and sold online, as well as in local markets.

In a notable development, the SPKM Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Venkatagiri, was established in 1992 under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. This institute, spreading over 25 acres and under the administrative control of the AP Handlooms & Textiles Commissioner, plays a pivotal role in creating employ-

ment opportunities. It offers a range of courses in handloom and textile technology, nurturing the next generation of artisans.

The government has also been proactive in supporting the handloom weavers of Venkatagiri. Over the past five years, the State government has provided an annual grant of Rs 24,000 to modernise the looms, known as 'Nattanna Netham', to every handloom worker in the region. Also, handloom cooperative societies and individual artisans receive essential raw materials like yarn and silk at subsidised rates through the National Handloom Devel-

opment Corporation.

District Collector K Venkataramana Reddy said that in a promising development, Jigisha Tiwari Mishra, representing the Invest India Team Committee, is scheduled to visit Venkatagiri in Tirupati district on October 17 and conduct an in-depth examination of the handloom products, saris, and handlooms of Venkatagiri, engaging directly with the skilled artisans who have benefited under various schemes of the government.

The committee will assess the eligibility of Venkatagiri handlooms whether they meticulously adhere to the competition's guidelines and subsequently provide an assessment report regarding its qualification for the ODOP award. He expressed the hope that the handloom products of Tirupati district will get the award.





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@itsKajolD**  
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for a day of energy!  
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#Navratri  
#FirstDayOfNavratri



# Womedia



## Nora Fatehi undergoes rigorous physical training

Actress Nora Fatehi underwent rigorous physical training for her film with actor-martial artist Vidyut Jammwal in 'Crakk - Jeethegaa Toh Jiyegaa'. She had to undergo rigorous physical training to be on top of her game. This was something entirely different for her as Nora Fatehi has not really done action roles. As such, she underwent rigorous training to build her strength, agility and physique. Furthermore, to shape her physique she adopted a stringent fitness routine which combined strength training and flexibility exercises, so as to better prepare herself for the many physically demanding scenes in "Crakk- Jeethegaa Toh Jiyegaa". Part of her training included stretching as well as taking a crash course in martial arts, all the while she was required to build up her stamina. This is due to the physical and mental fatigue

that comes from martial arts. However, a big part of this regimen was Nora's own desire to push herself and go beyond her limits, as well as do something that was unique to her. The Aditya Dutt directorial is a crime drama film which revolves around a man rising from the slums of Mumbai to becoming a powerful figure in the city's underworld. Apart from 'Crakk', she will also be making her acting debut in the Telugu industry with Varun Tej's film 'Matka'.

In the realm of Bollywood, she has completed work in director Remo Dsouza's 'Be Happy' alongside Abhishek Bachchan. She will also be seen alongside actor Kunal Khemu in the film 'Madgaon Express' which will soon get a release date. Most of her ongoing productions have been completed and are going through the last phases of post-production.

# The story of Deepthi Menon is impeccable

PROF DR SHIV SETHI

A renowned Indian Author Deepthi Menon has published nine books, starting with Arms and the Woman (Rupa Publishers). Deeparadhana of Poems was followed by The Shadow Trilogy - Shadow in the Mirror, Where Shadows Follow and Shadows Never Lie, and Classic Tales from The Panchatantra (all by Readomania).

She has short stories in around twenty-five anthologies along with other writers. Her book 'Defying Destiny: Nalini Chandran - A Life Sketch' won the Salismania Best Novel of the Year for Non-Fiction in the year 2022. In 2023, Deepthi's book titled "Classic Tales from Shakespeare" was published. It has ten classic stories adapted from the original plays of the Bard. Deepthi's latest book is titled 'The Dance and the Trance' and is based on the life of a temple oracle in Kerala.

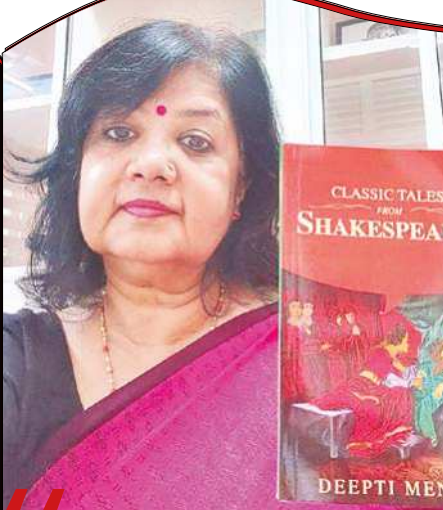
In an exclusive conversation with Hans India, Deepthi shares about her journey. Let's have a look into it.

### What inspired you to start writing?

I come from a family of readers. Right from the time I began toddling I was surrounded by books. As a result, it was only a matter of time before I meandered into writing in school and later, in college, where I explored genres like poetry, essay writing and short stories. In fact, I wrote my first poem at the age of ten. My parents and grandparents encouraged me from the very start, and my husband, daughter and immediate family made time to laud me for my achievements. I found mentors at every stage who helped me to hone my writing skills.

### What, in your opinion, are the most important elements of good writing? How do you develop your plot and characters?

Good writing to me consists of clean simple language, a riveting plot and unforgettable characters. I have no fixed formulae when I begin writing. Sometimes, a kernel of an idea takes root and the whole plot falls into place. At other times, I concentrate on the traits of a character and build the other characters around him or her. I enjoy being flexible with both my plots and characters, creating a structure, brick by brick.



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- Deepthi Menon

**What would you say is your most interesting writing quirk?**  
I love using different coloured pens when I write anything. Colours fire my mind, maybe because my Zodiac sign is Sagittarius, the quirky one.

**How many books have you written? Which is your favourite? Where do you get your inspiration?**  
I have nine solo books in my repertoire along with a single story along with other writers in almost twenty-five anthologies. Ask an author to name her favourite book, and you will receive a cliched response. How can a mother choose her favourite child?

I can get my inspiration from anywhere - a walk in the park, a train journey, an encounter with a stranger, sitting on my balcony sipping my tea. My family members and my friends are a trifle wary of me because they believe that I garnish my stories with my conversations with them, often letting the cat out of the bag.

### What is the key theme and/or message in the two latest books that have been published this year? What do you hope your readers take away from these books?

I have always tried to work around diverse genres. I have written non-fiction, fiction, thrillers, poetry, biography, anthologies and children's literature. In 2023, I was fortunate to see two of my books out in print. The first one is titled 'Classic Tales from Shakespeare' (Readomania) and a project where I sought to demystify the age-old plays of the Bard for young and not-so-young minds. It is a book that I am extremely proud of, and I do hope that it will bring the modern generation closer to the works of the greatest playwright of all times, mainly because once you remove the elaborate, yet fascinating, trappings, there are many universal themes, relevant even in the modern age, that nestle under.

The second book that has just been published is called 'The Dance and the Trance' (H&C Publishing House) and is more of a social drama revolving around the life of a temple oracle in Kerala, again a book close to my heart. Though I have not lived in Kerala all my life, having been an Army brat and later an Army wife, I have always loved the idea of getting back to my roots. In this book, I hope to reveal my admiration and love for my home state.

### What does success mean to you? What is the definition of success?

I think my idea of success is connected to my idea of happiness. When I was little, I wanted to be a published author. Writing has always been my passion. However, when I grew up, I turned into an educationist, teaching in schools across the country. Being with children is also something I cherish. When your passion and your profession come together, in my case, writing and guiding young minds, that is my definition of both success and happiness.

### If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Adventurous, quirky and childlike.

## Raising skin donation awareness among acid attack victims



In a heartwarming initiative, Wyndow Entertainments has started the "Miss and Mrs. Golden Face of South India 2023" beauty pageant with a great social cause, aiming to spread awareness about skin donation within the acid attack survivor community.

The curtain raised on this noble program with successful auditions held at Lemon Tree Gachibowli, Hyderabad on October 14. Auditions for candidates hailing from Chennai, Bangalore, and

Kochi have also been completed, paving the way for a diverse array of participants.

The grand finale of this extraordinary event is scheduled to take place in Chennai during the first week of November, where acid attack survivors will stand in unity with the contestants. The event has garnered substantial attention, with the presence of numerous media personalities and renowned film stars who passionately support this noble cause.

Gopinath Ravi and Saravanan, the founders and managing directors of Wyndow Entertainments, have displayed an unprecedented act of empathy and commitment by pledging to donate their skin alongside the participating models. Their gesture is a testament to the depth of their dedication to this vital cause.

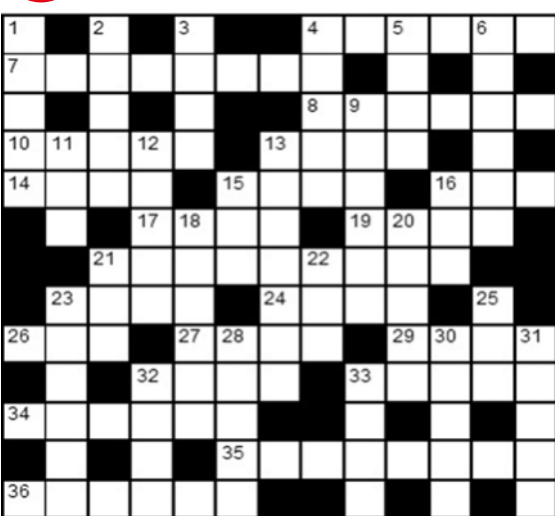
As the beauty pageant progresses with its noble mission, it is hoped that this remarkable initiative will inspire similar programs in

the future. The success of these competitions organized around such a noble idea would undoubtedly mark a significant step forward in addressing critical social issues.

This pageant is more than just a showcase of beauty; it's a celebration of resilience, compassion, and the strength of unity in the face of adversity. This heartwarming event promises to leave an indelible mark in the hearts of its participants and spectators alike.



### CROSSWORD

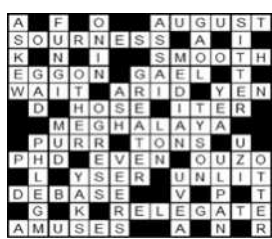


#### ACROSS

- Layers (6)
- Adjustable resistor (8)
- Come into sight (6)
- Grinding tooth (5)
- Helen's place (4)
- Song, sonnet or verse (4)
- Animal fat (4)
- Desmond's pet name ? (3)
- Bric-a- \_\_\_\_ : a curio (4)
- Distinctive doctrines (4)
- Indian antelope (5,4)
- Judge (4)
- Soup bean (4)
- A small pin (3)
- Bullocks (4)
- Pen points (4)
- Not as new (4)
- Birmingham university (5)
- Make more profound ? (6)
- Risque (US) (3-5)
- Flag carried by a lancer (6)

#### DOWN

- Muscular pain (5)
- Positive Thinking proponent (5)
- Employer (4)
- Ringo \_\_\_\_ of the Beatles (5)
- Poor in quality ? (4)
- Buys and sells (6)
- Dais (6)
- Sound of amazement (3)
- Leisurely walk (5)
- Dealt with (7)
- Resin (3)
- Tamil Nadu pty. (3)
- Branching (6)
- Examines closely (5)
- Ask for alms (3)
- Refuse-container (3)
- Erase or rub out or cancel (6)
- Nigerian native (3)
- Inert gas (5)
- European country (5)
- Entrap (5)
- \_\_\_\_ arms : riled ? (2,2)
- Parts of circumference of a circle or other curves ? (4)



Solution to October 14

### SUDOKU



Solution to October 14

## National Dictionary Day

National Dictionary Day is held in honor of Noah Webster, the man who is considered to have fathered the American Dictionary. 1758 was an auspicious year for the English language, and the first English Lexicographer, or one


whose craft is writing, editing, and compiling English Dictionaries. The good man was born in Hartford Connecticut to a family of some means, and his parents had the distinction of being both priest, farmer, Captain of the local militia, and the one

who founded the local book society, something like a local library.


National Dictionary Day encourages us to improve ourselves and the way we speak with others by enhancing our language in the study of the Dictionary.







## WORLD STUDENTS' DAY



# DIVE INTO LEARNING WITH TOP 5 BOOKS

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In an era marked by unprecedented technological advancements, economic shifts, and global challenges, the world is undergoing a continuous and rapid transformation. This dynamic environment demands adaptability and innovation. Continuous learning has emerged as the key to not only surviving but thriving in this ever-evolving landscape. Students who embrace the philosophy of lifelong learning early are equipped with the tools to navigate new challenges, seize emerging opportunities, and stay ahead of the curve. It serves as a compass that guides students toward personal and professional success, enabling them to remain agile and relevant in the face of the unknown.

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more profoundly as we celebrate the ingenuity and potential of students across the globe. Therefore, British Council Digital Library has curated a list of the top 5 reads for students to empower and guide them on a path of lifelong learning that nurtures their growth and success in an ever-evolving global context. From negotiation strategies to the future of our world, these books offer insights, inspiration, and a fresh perspective on various aspects of life.

**The Economist: Negotiation: An A-Z guide by Gavin Kennedy**  
Written by negotiation expert Gavin Kennedy, this comprehensive guide from The Economist provides an in-depth understanding of negotiation strategies. Whether you're a student preparing for debates or fresh graduate entering the professional world, this book equips you with essential negotiation skills crucial for success in any field.

**Humor, Seriously: Why humor is a secret weapon in business and life by Jennifer Aaker and Naomi Bagdonas**  
Laughter is indeed the best medicine, but it's also a powerful tool in the business world. In this insightful read, authors Jennifer Aaker and Naomi Bagdonas explore the profound impact of humor on creativity, productivity, and communication. Discover how incorporating humor into your daily life can enhance your problem-solving abilities and foster better relationships.

**Environments of Intelligence: From natural information to artificial interaction by Hajo Greif**  
Delve into the intriguing realm of artificial intelligence with Hajo Greif's exploration of intelligence in natural and artificial systems. This book provides a deep dive into the interconnectedness of intelligence, information, and the environments

that shape them. As technology continues to evolve, understanding the fundamentals of AI is essential for students aspiring to make a difference in the digital landscape.

**The Economist: Megachange: The world in 2050 by Daniel Franklin**  
Journey into the future with this compelling read that examines the global trends and transformations shaping our world in 2050. Authored by Daniel Franklin and a team of experts, this book offers thought-provoking insights into the megatrends affecting economies, societies, and cultures. Ideal for students curious about the future, it provides valuable foresight for making informed decisions today.

**Atomic habits by James Clear**  
Change begins with small habits. In this bestselling book, James Clear explores the science of habit formation and provides actionable strategies for building good habits and breaking bad ones. Students navigating the complexities of academics and personal growth will find practical advice on how to make positive changes in their lives, one small habit at a time.

## IIT-M new tech to generate electricity from both tidal & wind sources

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CHENNAI

RESEARCHERS at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have developed a combined power generation technology that can generate electricity from both tidal and wind sources.

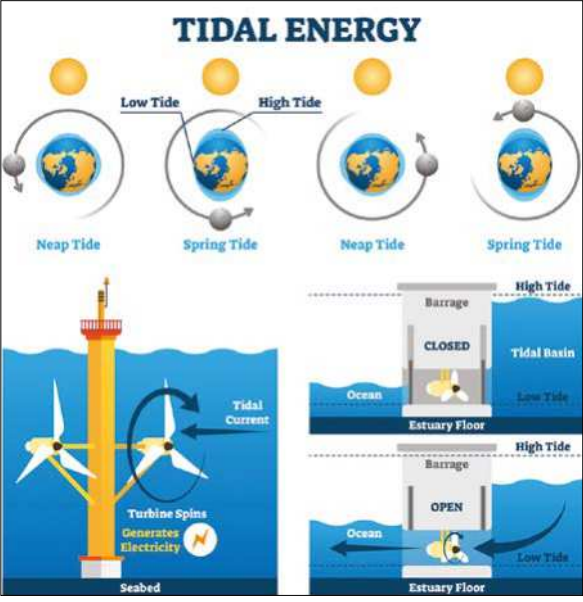
It is an energy converter system that generates electricity in coastal areas to reduce electricity demand and can be deployed as a mobile vehicle for power generation, transmission and storage depending on the power requirements in the coastal area.

A wind turbine mounted on a vehicle's roof will employ the converter technology to generate wind energy as well as convert tidal energy into electrical energy.

The energy output of the system or gadget is entirely renewable and sustainable. The roof-mounted solar panel could also be used to power other equipment on mobile vehicles.

"This technology will potentially entail fewer expenditures, require less maintenance and produce clean and sustainable energy. It can also be utilised as a mobile vehicle. With a lot of potential and the rare capacity to be entirely predictable, tidal energy is a clean, sustainable energy source. The potential industry partners of this technology include companies in the power sector, solar and wind energy," said Sadham Ushan Ramasamy, research scholar, at the department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Madras.

"The current invention creates electricity using only one vertical axis wind turbine, a horizontal converter mechanism, and no hydraulic set generator based on pendulum support. The current converter also has a variety of



height adjustable guider support mechanisms to help regulate the height of the elliptical plate attached to the main shaft. The current idea, on the other hand, lacks a horizontal axis turbine and is entirely onshore, therefore there is no severe corrosion problem," explained Prof. A. Seshadri Sekhar, Director, IIT Palakkad. The converter is a remote-controlled system that can be relocated to any position based on wave height and power generation requirements. The five gear converters will help operate at least one generator and install at least one vertical axis wind turbine on the roof of a double decker vehicle, said Sekhar, a former Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Madras.

The wheel arrangement based on chain teeth/tooth profiles allows the double decker mobile vehicle to be easily relocated from one place to another.

Without the need for a submarine connection, the generated electricity can be easily delivered from the transformer.

Furthermore, it has lower costs, requires less maintenance, and provides clean energy. It can also function as a mobile vehicle, Sekhar said.

## DU invites applications for admission to ITEP 2023

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NEW DELHI

THE University of Delhi has invited applications from candidates to its Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP), the administration informed.

The registrar of Delhi University said that as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020, ITEP is a four-year degree programme exemplifying the process of developing a multidisciplinary approach to Teacher Education in higher education.

The programme is of four-year duration with credits distributed across eight semesters of study. It is a dual-major bachelor's degree programme, with one major in education and the other in a disciplinary/interdisciplinary branch of knowledge, the registrar added.

According to the Delhi University administration, this year, the programme is being offered in two premier women colleges, Mata Sundari College, and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College.

The colleges are further offering stage-specific specialisations in BA Bed (Middle) and BA Bed (Secondary).

Women candidates who are interested in taking admission in ITEP must have appeared in the National Common Entrance Test (NCET) 2023 conducted by NTA, the Delhi University administration added. The registrar said that for applying to the University, the candidate must register themselves at <http://itep.uod.ac.in> using her NCET 2023 Application Number. Last date for registration is October 20.

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## TECH-TALK

# Google's AI-powered Search now lets you create images from text

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NEW DELHI

GOOGLE has rolled out the ability to create images with its generative AI-powered Search Generative Experience (SGE), meaning users will now be able to create images right from a text prompt.

It is a similar feature which Google's competitor Microsoft offered in Bing Chat using OpenAI's DALL-E model since March.

Additionally, Google will now allow users to write drafts within SGE and customise the output by changing the length or tone of the writing.

"As we continue to experiment



with bringing generative AI capabilities into Search, we're testing new ways to get more done as you're searching - like creating an image that can bring an idea to life, or getting help on a written draft when you need a starting point," Google said in a blogpost.

As explained by the company, if users search for something like "draw a picture of a capybara wearing a chef's hat and cooking breakfast", SGE will provide up to four generated images in the results.

By tapping on any of those images they will see how generative AI has expanded their initial query with descriptive details.

The image generation capability is only available in English in the US, to people who opted into the SGE experiment and who are 18 years or older, Google said.

The tech giant also has an upcoming tool called 'About this image' that will help people easily assess the context and credibility of images. The company has built

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# Nani's 'Hi Nanna' teaser: Lovely and enchanting

Natural Star Nani's highly anticipated film, "Hi Nanna," which created significant buzz with its unique poster designs and glimpses comes with a lovely teaser. The film is directed by newcomer Shouryuv has "Sita Ramam" fame Mrunal Thakur as the female lead role.

The movie's teaser which has been released is simply enchanting. The teaser introduces Nani as a caring father to his daughter Mahi (Baby Kiara Khanna). Later, it delves into Mrunal Thakur's character, Yashna, who falls in love with Nani, but she's already committed to another person. This revelation sparks Nani's anger. What unfolds next? Who is Mahi? Is she Nani's daughter? These intriguing details will be unveiled in the movie.

Director Shouryuv has worked wonders with his debut film. Handling a complex script filled with emotions is not an easy task for a newcomer, but the filmmaker has demonstrated remarkable maturity in his very first project.

He adeptly balances the emotions, with the father-daughter bond resonating with every parent and the love story be-



Nani along with his team of 'Hi Nanna' at the film's teaser launch event held in Hyderabad on Sunday.



## Sai Dharam Tej's next titled 'Gaanja Shankar'

Sai Dharam Tej is known as Supreme Hero and he has been working hard to entertain his fans and Mega - Power combination fans with all his might. He proved his versatility with various genres and always gave his best to the character as per the demands of the script and vision of the director. Now, he is coming up with a complete mass character and commercial action film, Gaanja Shankar.

Successful and creative director Sampath Nandi is writing and directing this film. The director is known for creating unique and strong hero characters and Gaanja Shankar, has his signature style to it.

The announcement teaser has been cut in a creative way to introduce us to the world of the film and also the nature of the character, Gaanja Shankar.

He is described as a person with immense attitude and strength to elimi-

nate any threat. The director called the character is going to launch a "Mass Assault" on his enemies. Like a bedtime story to young kid, who loves to hear about superheroes, the director revealed this story.

With such creative thought, Sampath Nandi has created immense hype and buzz for the film. Sai Dharam Tej did not actually get into a complete Mass character and this will be a first of its kind, for him. "Ganja Shankar" is going to define mass for everyone out there, for sure.

Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya are producing the film on Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas. Srikanth Studios is presenting the film.

"Ganja Shankar" has Bheems Ceciroleo composing music after recent big Blockbuster "MAD" and AS Prakash will handle Production Design. Rishi Punjabi is handling cinematography and other details will be revealed soon.

## Sree Vishnu launches 'Kismat' teaser



Comrade Film Factory and Atheera Productions are jointly producing the upcoming buddy comedy "Kismat" directed by Srinath Badineni. Naresh Agastya, Abhinav Gomatam, and Vishwa Dev are the lead cast of the movie that will see Avasarala Srinivas in a crucial role. Riya Suman is the female lead in the movie produced by Raju, while CH Bhanuprasad Reddy is the co-producer. The film's first look was released recently and it introduced the main leads of the movie. Today, hero Sree Vishnu launched the teaser of the movie.

Three thick friends who are big failures hope for some miracle to happen in their lives. While Vishwa Dev lost hope, Abhinav Gomatam aspires to enter films as a writer,

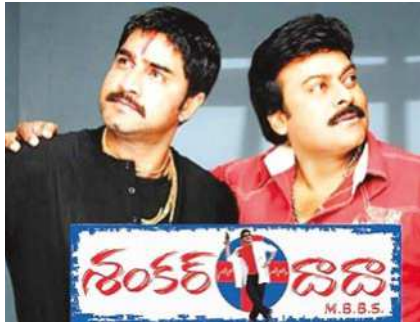
and Naresh Agastya is a big flirt who is in love with Riya Suman. The rest is about how their Kismat (luck) changed by an unexpected incident.

Srinath Badineni picked a youthful entertainer that has thrilling aspects too. The dialogues, in particular, will appeal more to youth. Naresh Agastya is good as a flirt, wherein Abhinav Gomatam impresses big time, after Ee Nagarani Emaindi. Vishwa Dev and Srinivas Avasarala played their parts efficiently.

Vedaraman Shankaran handled the cinematography of the movie. Mark K Robin's background score is a big asset. Vipul Nyshadam is the editor of the movie which is presently in the post-production phase. The release date of the film is yet to be announced.



## 'Shankar Dada MBBS' to have a re-release on Nov 4



Megastar Chiranjeevi's classic comedy drama, "Shankar Dada MBBS," is in the news again. Directed by Jayanth C Panjee, the film features Sonali Bendre in a prominent female lead role. Excitingly, the latest update confirms that the movie will be re-released in theatres, this time in a spectacular 4K version. The film which has noteworthy actors such as Srikanth, Venu Madhav, Girish Karnad, Paresh Rawal, and others played significant roles in this film is set hit screens again on November 4th. It boasts Devi Sri Prasad's musical brilliance.

## All set for 'Saindhav' teaser release

Star actor Venkatesh's much-anticipated film, "Saindhav," which marks his first foray into pan-Indian cinema, is officially set to grace the big screens on January 13, 2024. The film is helmed by director Sailesh Kolanu. The makers have not only announced the teaser's release but have also set a time for it. The teaser is scheduled to go live digitally at 11:34 AM on Oct 16th. An intense poster has been unveiled to herald this exciting development. Srinidhi Shetty plays the female lead in this project which features music composed by Santhosh Narayanan.



## 'Tiger' meets 'Ghost'

Bollywood Megastar Salman Khan is gearing up to launch the trailer of his new film "Tiger 3." This spy action thriller is up for a massive release during Diwali 2023. On the other hand, Kannada legendary actor Shiva Rajkumar is ready to amuse the audiences with his upcoming flick "Ghost," which will release this Dussehra season. These two actors have now met at the Star Sports Mumbai office for the India Vs Pakistan Worldcup match and posed for a cool selfie. Shiva Rajkumar posted the picture on his social media profiles and came up with a caption, "When Tiger meets the Ghost." Needless to say, the picture is making a huge splash on the internet.



## 'VD13' OFFICIAL NAAMAKARANAM TO BE ON OCT 18TH



The Vijay Deverakonda's upcoming film under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations is shooting at a fast pace. Mrunal Thakur of "Sita Ramam" fame is playing the female lead in this film tentatively titled "VD 13." Director Parasuram Petla is making it with the story of a family entertainer. This movie is being produced by ace producer Dil Raju and Shirish. Vasu Varma is act-

ing as the creative producer. The makers today revealed that the film's official naamakaranam will be announced through a small title teaser on October 18th at 6.30 PM. Makers wrote, "From the pair that brought you humongous blockbuster entertainer "Geetha Govindam." You will witness something even more special. The official Naamakaranam for this special project will be announced through a small

title teaser. Date- October 18, Time- 18:30." "VD13" is going to be released in a grand way for the upcoming Sankranti festival. After a super hit like "Geetha Govindam," Vijay Deverakonda and director Parasuram Petla's collaborated again and it has huge expectations. The blockbuster brand of Sri Venkateswara Creations banner is also raising the craze on this project.

## Deepika Padukone as Shakti Shetty from 'Singham Again'

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who was recently seen in an extended cameo appearance in the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Jawan', has shared her look of a cop from her upcoming film 'Singham Again' and also revealed the name of her character - Shakti Shetty.

On Sunday, the actress took to her Instagram to share two pictures from the film. The first picture shows the actress holding a goon by his hair as he lays at her feet. The actress while sticking the barrel of the gun in the goon's mouth can be seen staring into the camera with a sinister laugh on her face and blood stains on her uniform.

Since the picture was shared on the first day of Navratri, it also gives a strong reference to goddess Durga slaying Mahishasur at her feet. The other picture shows Deepika laughing with the barrel of the gun resting on her forehead. She can also be seen wearing bandages on her hands.

The actress wrote in the caption, "Introducing... Shakti Shetty". The 'Singham' franchise, helmed by superstar director Rohit Shetty, is part of Shetty's cop universe which stars actors Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Deepika and her husband Ranveer Singh in the role of cops.





Look, I'd be lying if I said it didn't. It didn't seem (India-Pakistan encounter) like an ICC event to be brutally honest. It seemed like a bilateral series; it seemed like a BCCI event - Pakistan team director Mickey Arthur

## Australia, Lanka search for first win

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THEIR house in complete disarray after consecutive defeats, Australia will look to wake up from their slumber and return to winning ways against an equally stuttering Sri Lanka in the World Cup here on Monday. Both teams are in search of their maiden win in the tournament. While Australia suffered humiliating losses against India and South Africa, Sri Lanka faltered against the Proteas and Pakistan.

Australia have looked like a pale shadow of their dominant selves in this tournament. The five-time champions sit ninth in the 10-team league table owing to their horrendous Net Run Rate (-1.846), while the Lankans are 7th on the table with a NRR of -1.161. The Aussies desperately need to get their act together if they want to keep their fate in their own

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hands. But it is easier said than done. Australia have lost seven of their last eight ODIs comprehensively. During this tournament, they have performed poorly in all three departments of the game.

The Men from Down Under have been uncharacteristically sloppy in

the field. The Australians have dropped a whopping six catches in two games – the most by any team so far in this edition of the World Cup. Their bowling attack has also looked toothless. They have failed miserably with the

bat, suffering mini-collapses, and are yet to cross 200 runs.

They were rocked by India's spin bowling in the opener and then by the South African pacers. But facing the battered and bruised Sri Lankan bowling attack could be the perfect opportunity for the Australian

an batters to find some form.

The Australians are also familiar with the Ekana pitch having trained in the city for close to a week and played against South Africa here. Skipper Pat Cummins had insisted earlier this week that they won't be rotating their bowlers which means Australia will stick to their three-pronged pace attack of Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc with Adam Zampa and Glenn Maxwell sharing spin duties.

Sri Lanka too have underperformed at the mega event so far. They occupy the seventh spot on the points table. While their batting line-up has done reasonably well, putting up scores in excess of 320 in both the previous games, their bowling is an area of concern. In the absence of several frontline bowlers, Sri Lanka's relatively inexperienced bowling attack has conceded a whopping 775 runs in their first two matches.



Australia's Mitchell Starc drops a catch during the match against South Africa in Lucknow

## TRAVIS RECOVERS, RETURNS TO NETS

Hopes to join Australia WC squad this week

ADELAIDE

Australia's Travis Head returned to nets on Sunday having recovered from a fracture on his left hand, and the middle-order batter is expected to travel to India on Thursday to join his country's World Cup squad. Head had his protective splint removed from his hand on Friday.

The South Australian had suffered a fracture on his hand after getting hit by South African pacer Gerald Coetzee at Centurion ahead of the World Cup. Although he might miss Australia's fixture against Pakistan on Friday in Bengaluru, Head could feature against the



Netherlands on October 25 in Delhi, provided he passes the fitness test. "It's coming along well, and probably better than we hoped. When we decided not to go with surgery, which would

have meant a 10-week recovery, we were told it would be a minimum six weeks with the splint before we could look at playing again," Head was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au.

## Past experience helped me read the wkt: Bumrah



AHMEDABAD

STAR pacer Jasprit Bumrah traced the origin of his fine 2 for 19 spell that played a big part in India bowling out Pakistan for 191 in their World Cup match to his ability to read the pitch at a venue where he played a lot of cricket from the junior days.

Bumrah was later adjudged as the player of the match.

"I have played a lot of junior cricket on this ground. Since it was a flat wicket, I tried to implement that experience of mine here," Bumrah told Hardik Pandya in a video posted by BCCI. "Before getting hit for four boundaries, it's vital to realise about the wicket right after one boundary. That's what I was trying to communicate," he added.

As fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj reminded Bumrah about his fiery spell against Afghanistan in Delhi, Bumrah attributed the success at that venue to the IPL. "There I tried to use my IPL experience about how to bowl on flat wickets. I have been playing in the IPL for the past 11 years, so it helps." Pandya credited Bumrah for his thinking mind while bowling: "If he gets hammered for a four off a flick, he instantly bowls a slower one. He is a legendary bowler." Meanwhile, Siraj admitted that he was nervous and under pressure during the match against Pakistan. "It was my first Indo-Pak match in India and my first World Cup stint, so I was highly nervous, along with some pressure," he said.



Afghanistan's batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz plays a shot at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday

## Gurbaz, Alikhil lift Afghanistan to 284

NEW DELHI

RAHMANULLAH Gurbaz gave early impetus while Ikram Alikhil provided the final flourish to guide Afghanistan to a competitive 284 allout against defending champions England in their World Cup match here on Sunday.

While opener Gurbaz gave the Afghans a flying start, scoring 80 off 57 balls, number 6 batter Alikhil made a solid 58 off 66 deliveries as Afghanistan recovered from a mid-innings collapse to post a good total on board. Off-colour in the first two matches, Afghanistan openers -- Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran (28) finally rose to the occasion, scoring the team's 50 in just 6.3 overs after being sent in to bat. The Afghan openers meant business and played copy book cricketing shots to score their runs.

The duo didn't take much risk and Gurbaz mainly ruled the roost, taking the attack to the English bowlers. He played all around the park but his shots through the covers and flicks were a treat to watch. With Afghanistan scoring runs thick and fast, England skipper Jos Buttler introduced Adil Rashid (3/42) in the 11th over but Gurbaz was in a relentless mood as he swept the leg-spinner for

a boundary to bring up his fifty in just 33 balls.

Gurbaz looked in ominous form as he dispatched Rashid over deep midwicket to bring up Afghanistan's



England's Jos Buttler during the match against Afghanistan at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday

100 in just 76 deliveries. England finally tasted their first success in the 17th over when an under-pressure

Zadran (28 off 48) gave a simple catch to Joe Root at short mid wicket but not before stitching 114 for the opening wicket.

England got back into the game an over later with back-to-back wickets. First Rashid dismissed Rahmat Shah, stumped by Buttler and then in the very next ball Afghanistan suffered a big blow in the form of Gurbaz, who became a victim of an unnecessary run out. Gurbaz decorated his innings with eight boundaries and four sixes.

Following Gurbaz's dismissal, runs started to dry up for Afghanistan as skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi and Azmatullah Omarzai looked to revive the innings. Omarzai tried to break the shackles in the 25th over, clobbering Chris Woakes for a six and four.

## SCOREBOARD

**AFGHANISTAN:** Gurbaz run out 80 Ibrahim c Root b Rashid 28 Rahmat st Buttler b Rashid 3 Hashmatullah b Root 14 Azmatullah c Woakes b Livingstone 19 Alikhil c Curran b Topley 58 Nabib Wood 9 Rashid c Root b Rashid 23 Mujeeb c Root b Wood 28 Naveen out 5 Farooqi not out 2

**EXTRAS:** 15 **TOTAL:** 284

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 114-1, 122-2, 122-3, 152-4, 174-5, 190-6, 233-7, 277-8, 277-9

**BOWLING:** Woakes 4-0-41-0, Topley 8.5-1-52-1, Curran 4-0-46-0, Rashid 10-1-42-3, Wood 9-0-50-2, Livingstone 10-0-33-1, Root 4-0-19-1.

## SLAMS PAKISTAN FOR LOSS TO INDIA

### It's scarring, it's a pasting: Ramiz



NEW DELHI

FORMER captain Ramiz Raja has slammed Pakistan for producing an insipid performance against India in the ODI World Cup and termed the defeat as "hurting" and "scarring".

"It's going to hurt them. It's scarring, it's a pasting, it's a battering and they've been outpaced and outplayed in all the three departments," Raja said. "If you can't win, then at least compete. Pakistan weren't able to do that," he said. The defeat was also Pakistan's eighth successive loss in ODI World Cups to India, and Raja said Pakistan would have to find a way to end the unwanted streak.

The 61-year-old admitted that Pakistan players go through immense pressure in a match against India, but said they need to rise above that. "When you're playing against India, it's such an environment where it's 99 per

cent India fans and crowds, you're obviously overwhelmed. I understand all of that. "But Babar Azam has led this side for a good four or five years, so you've got to rise to the occasion," he added. Raja urged Pakistan players to take a leaf out of India's book in handling pressure in such marquee clashes.

Pakistan team director Mickey Arthur said that playing in a stadium where there was a partisan atmosphere gave the feel of a 'BCCI event'.

Arthur said: "Look, I'd be lying if I said it didn't. It didn't seem like an ICC event to be brutally honest. It seemed like a bilateral series; it seemed like a BCCI event. I didn't hear 'Dil Dil Pakistan' coming through the microphones too often tonight." Arthur, however, said that the lack of support in the crowd could not be used as an excuse for the team's heavy loss to India.

## ANNU RANI'S GOLDEN THROW AT ASIAN GAMES

# 'I was on the verge of saying goodbye to sport'

### 'The government and SAI had invested so much money in me but I was not able to perform. After the World Championships in Budapest, I had thought of quitting the sport'

ANNU RANI BY MONA PARTHASARATHI  
NEW DELHI

INDIAN javelin thrower Annu Rani was so upset with a string of poor performances this year that she had decided to say goodbye to the sport just before the Asian Games. The 31-year-old from Uttar Pradesh produced a season-best effort of 62.92m to become the first Indian woman to win an Asian Games gold in javelin throw. "I have struggled a lot this year. I

went abroad to practice. I went to learn from a foreign coach but

my performance dropped. The whole year had gone waste. There was poor performance in every competition one after the other," Annu said.

"I had decided before the Asian Games that I would leave sports. Despite so much effort, I was not able to win anything.

The government and SAI had invested so much money in me but I was not able to perform. After the World Championships in Budapest, I had thought of quitting the sport."

Annu stood 11th with a best throw of 57.05 meter and could not qualify for the finals in World Championship in

Budapest in August.

She finished 7th at the Diamond League in Brussels in September with a throw of 57.74m meters. She could not touch the 60 meter mark in the entire season. However, she won the gold medal at the Asian Games with a throw of 69.92 metres.

Regarding changing her decision of retiring from sports, Annu said, "It came to my mind that I have come here after facing so many struggles, so I will take one last chance in the Asian Games. I worked hard and was confident that I would play well and win a medal.

"The competition was tough with World Championship medalists and Olympic medalists. I had come down thinking that the worst that had to happen has already happened and now what will get worse and I only wanted

gold, not silver or bronze."

Annu said that her childhood struggles inspired her to fight and she wanted to be an inspiration for girls in similar situations. "I inspired myself by remembering the circumstances of my family and where I started from. I also thought that I am not the only one struggling. People have to struggle in every field.

"I come from a society where people used to stop me even if I wore a lower t-shirt. The family had no knowledge of sports. Was scolded at home for wearing lower t-shirt for the first time.

I didn't even have shoes and had to borrow them from a friend when I went to compete. Remembering the journey, the struggle that I faced to reach here, I thought that I will not accept defeat." Annu said now she is focusing on the Olympics.

